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HSEM monitors underwater eruption

The CNMI Homeland Security Emergency Management assured yesterday that it is aware of the recent undersea eruption near Uracas in the Northern Islands and continues to monitor this underwater volcanic activity.

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HOLLYWOOD COMES A-KNOCKING

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres talks about the arrival this Monday of Hollywood filmmaker Brad Krevoy, who is planning to put up a movie studio on Saipan, during a press conference in the governor's office conference room yesterday afternoon. Also in the photo is Northern Marianas College president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero, who is also a passionate filmmaker. NMC will host a meet and greet with Krevoy at the Hafa Adai Roasting Company Cafe in T-Galleria on Monday, Nov. 21, from 6pm to 8pm.

IPI emergency motion for stay denied; sale of assets confirmed

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES
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REPORTER

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC suffered twin setbacks yesterday, with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit denying its emergency motion for a stay in its receivership and the U.S. District Court for the NMI officially approving the sale of IPI's assets that were auc-

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A newly developed Garapan Core will greatly benefit our economy

TOGETHER, WE CAN

By CHRISTOPHER A. CONCEPCION
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Christopher A. Concepcion is the Garapan Revitalization Task Force chairman, the Office of Planning and Development deputy director, and the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers' executive director. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and International Relations and has had over 16 years of experience in the tourism and airline industries.

The Office of Planning and Development, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration, the Garapan Revitalization Task Force, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, and CNMI leaders broke ground last week on the much-anticipated

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AD team, Dems agree to merger of poll workers

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The unified independent team of Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, has agreed to submit their recommended names of poll workers to the Democratic Party for the Nov. 25 runoff election.

Former lawmaker Claudio K. Norita, who chairs the unified independent team's Strategic Committee, disclosed in an interview yesterday that they have met with the Democratic Party executive

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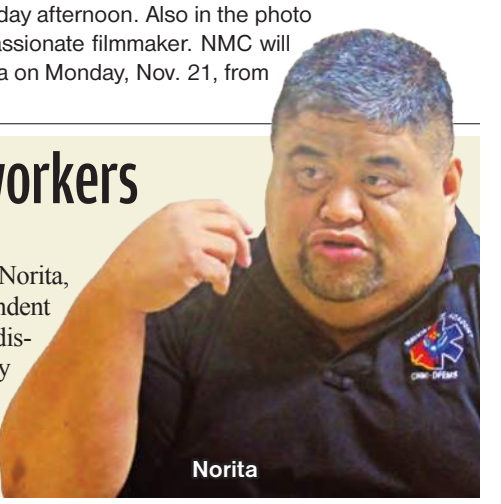

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DCRM closed on Monday, Tuesday

The Bureau of Environmental & Coastal Quality would like to inform the public that the Division of Coastal Resources Management will be closed on Monday, Nov. 21, and Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, for a professional development workshop. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022. ***(PR)***

SCC sets December general membership meeting

The monthly general membership meeting of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022, from 11:30am to 1 Saipan.

Spotlight presentation speaker for the event is vice chairwoman Donna Krum, who will share information about the CNMI Blue Ribbon Initiative.

SCC member and co-founder, David M. Sablan will also discuss the history of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce in a special presentation.

Lunch will be served at 11:30am and the meeting will begin promptly at noon. The luncheon fee is $25/SCC member and $35/non-member. The SCC is accepting reservations. To reserve or for more information, contact the Chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email coordinator2@saipanchamber.com. ***(PR)***

Free federal contracting webinars

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering free workshops this November. Workshops are held every Wednesday from 10am to 11:30am in room 262 of the UOG School of Business and Public Administration (*unless otherwise specified).

■ **Nov. 23, 2022 – Responding to RFPs –** *The Guam PTAC will walk participants through the common sections and clauses of an RFP as well as provide tips on developing a proposal in response to an RFP.*

■ **Nov. 30, 2022 – Wide-Area Workflow (WAWF) –** *Department of Defense vendors use the Wide-Area Workflow module in the Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment system to create, submit, and track their invoices. The Guam PTAC will show you how to set up an account and submit an invoice so you get paid on time.*

To register, visit: https://www.guamptac.com/news-and-events.php ***(PR)***

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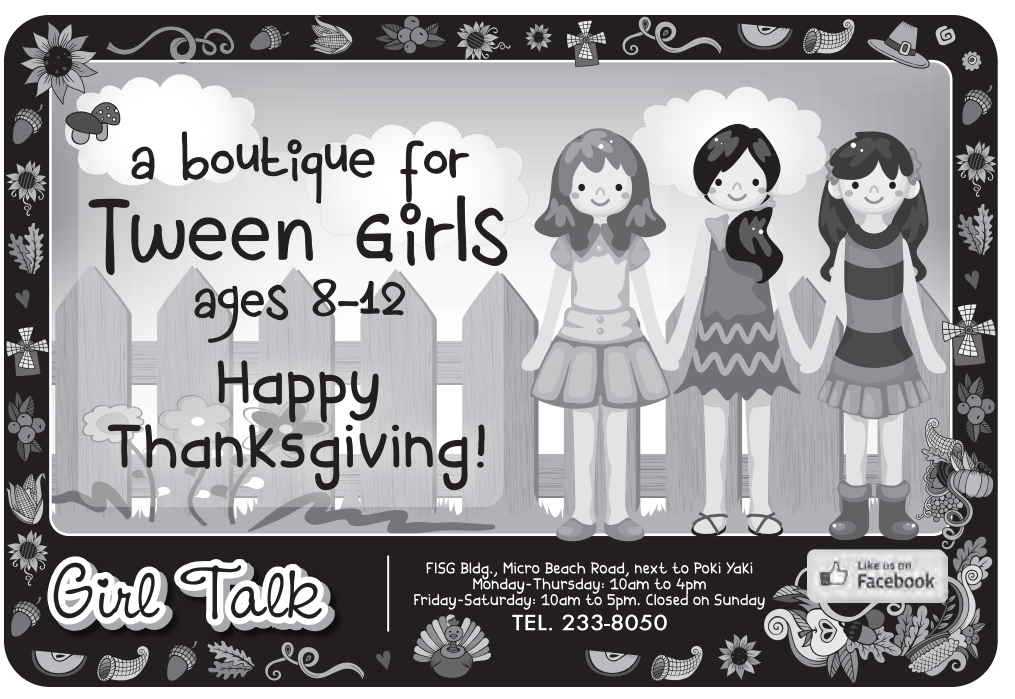

EARLY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Members of the local Girl Scouts learn how to make early Christmas decorations during a workshop at McDonald's Gualo Rai last Nov. 12, 2022. Led by troop leader Jessy Loomis, the Girl Scouts that participated were Maia Ada, Baila Marie Loomis, Kyrie Palec, Vangelyn Serrano, Ariah Villagomez, Emma Lee, Jamara Cabrera Sablan, Carlia Jolee Tudela, Gianna Jolee Tudela, Crystin Pangelinan, Makenna Pangelinan, Jacqueline Quitugua, Gianna Rose Moses, Imani Camacho, Gabriella Tenorio, and Alan Tenorio.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PAMC, Japan lawyers' group meet on nuke wastewater dump plan

Pacific Alliance of Municipal Councils president Jim Atalig and vice president Juanita Mendiola met online last Nov. 14 with the representatives of Japan Lawyers International Solidarity Association to discuss plans to push forward the campaign against Japan dumping nuclear wastewater into the Pacific Ocean.

The current plan decided during the meeting is to initially hold a video conference in January followed by visits by groups from Japan to hold mini conferences to gather grassroots support on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan in February or March 2023.

Both organizations hope to increase the voice of the people against any nuclear waste dumping in any ocean.

The members of PAMC are now on Rota to attend the Association of Mariana Islands Mayors and will introduce the movement for collaborative consideration.

Japan is planning to start releasing contaminated water in the summer next year. ***(PR)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DEVELOPMENT OF ECHO DOCK
PORT OF SAIPAN
CPA RFP NO. CPA-RFP-010-2022
(CPA CONCESSION NO. SEA 2022-01)

The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("Authority") is inviting qualified developers and their development teams to submit sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for the development of Echo Dock, which is situated north of the Port of Saipan. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the Authority because the Authority wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone. This RFP is being issued pursuant to NMIAC § 40-70-205.

The RFP Package is available beginning Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport upon payment of a non-refundable administrative fee of $200.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check, or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Other than this administrative fee, proposers are not required to submit a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Authority will hold a briefing for interested parties at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, to explain the Authority's development objectives, the RFP process, and to answer questions. The meeting will be held at the Authority's Seaport Conference Room, George Fleming Building. All potential applicants are encouraged to attend but it is not mandatory.

All proposers are requested to pay attention to the following significant dates and times:

Date RFP Package becomes available	August 31, 2022 (8:00 AM)
Date of RFP briefing meeting	September 16, 2022 (10:00 AM)
Deadline to submit Notice of Intent	September 28, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Deadline to submit Statement of Qualifications	October 13, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Notification of qualified applicants of the RFP	October 28, 2022
Deadline for RFP submission	November 30, 2022 (4:00 PM)

Qualified proposers shall submit their sealed proposals to the "CPA Evaluation Committee" and mark the outside cover of its submittal as follows: "RFP Proposal: Confidential - Development of the Echo Dock, Saipan (RFP-010-2022)." Five (5) hard copies and one electronic copy on CD, DVD, or flash drive of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. CHST, Wednesday, November 30, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted if sufficient justification exist that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of the CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

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Hollywood filmmaker Krevoy seeks to create local film industry

» 'Film industry is once-in-a-generation opportunity for local talents; to bring multiplier effects to the economy'

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REPORTER

At the invitation of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Hollywood filmmaker Brad Krevoy, who has produced many successful holiday movies, is arriving on Saipan this Monday to kick off a plan to create a film industry in the CNMI by developing a movie studio, a development that according Northern Marianas College president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero, is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for the local talents in the Marianas that will have a huge multiplier effect on on the economy.

Krevoy

At a press conference in the governor's office conference room yesterday afternoon, some of Krevoy's movies were shown on a TV screen.

Krevoy is the founder and chairman/chief executive officer of Motion Picture Corporation of America, a leading Hollywood company well-known for creating commercial motion pictures.

Krevoy's *Dumb and Dumber* comedy movie starred by then-rising star Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels was a blockbuster in 1994.

Krevoy has become known lately as producer of Christmas-themed entertainment. He produced many holiday movies, including Netflix movies such as *A Christmas Melody* starring Mariah Carey, *Christmas Prince* trilogy, and the *Princess Switch.*

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HSEM

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According to an HSEM news release yesterday, it said that, based on the information received, it is "well aware of the recent undersea eruption on the Ahyi Seamount as it is being closely monitored by our CNMI State Warning Point" in collaboration with U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Geologic Survey partners.

"From what our observations have shown, the data strongly suggests that Ahyi is the source of the activity, in spite of there being several other seamounts in the area. There are no local monitoring stations near Ahyi Seamount, which limits our ability to detect and characterize volcanic unrest. However, we will continue to monitor available remote hydroponic, seismic and satellite data closely," the news release stated.

HSEM said the U.S. Coast Guard and its partners are monitoring the undersea eruption, which is taking place north of the main Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands.

An Associated Press report stated that Ahyi seamount is a large conical submarine volcano. Its highest point is 259 feet (79 meters) below the surface of the ocean. It's located about 11 miles (18 kilometers) southeast of the island of Farallon de Pajaros, also known as Uracas.

"While there is no official safety zone currently in place, we echo the U.S. Geologic Survey's recommendation for mariners to steer well clear of the area out of an abundance of caution. Volcanic activity can be unpredictable, and the location is extremely remote," said the HSEM statement.

Still, mariners would want to avoid the immediate area.

"Should mariners run into issues in the region, they are encouraged to contact the U.S. Coast Guard at the first sign of trouble via VHF-FM channel 16, by calling the Joint Rescue Sub- Center in Guam at (671) 355-4824 via cellular or satellite phone, or by activating an emergency position indicating radio beacon." said CWO Sara Muir, the U.S. Coast Guard spokesperson for Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam.

All indications are that the Ahyi Seamount began erupting in mid-October, the U.S. Geological Survey said Monday. The Northern Marianas are about 3,800 miles (6,115 kilometers) west of Honolulu.

Scientists are looking to see if the activity is shallow earthquakes or if material exploded from the crater, said Matt Haney, a USGS research geophysicist. Scientists are checking satellite data to see if there's discolored water, which could suggest material is coming out of the volcano, he said.

"There's nothing right now that suggests that this eruption will intensify and become a large eruption," Haney said.

Activity from an undersea volcanic source was picked up last month by hydroacoustic sensors some 1,400 miles away (2250 kilometers) at Wake Island.

With help from the the Laboratoire de Geophysique in Tahiti and data from seismic stations in Guam and Japan, scientists analyzed the signals to determine the source of the activity was likely Ahyi Seamount, the USGS said in a statement.

Activity has been declining in recent days, the statement said.

The seamount is part of the Mariana Volcanic Arc, which is a chain of over 60 active volcanoes stretching over 600 miles west of and parallel to the Mariana Trench, the world's deepest point. ***(Saipan Tribune/With AP)***

TOGETHER

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Garapan Revitalization Project. I am very excited that we reached the construction phase of the project. The CNMI will be able to see the long-awaited improvements.

We know that the Garapan Core area has fallen into disrepair over the last couple of decades, and now we are finally doing something about it. The feedback received from the community has been very positive, and most have expressed their support in seeing a transformed Garapan Core area. I'm grateful that our community supports this project because it will re-establish Garapan as a destination for shopping, dining, festivals, and evening activities.

We'll build new sidewalks, allowing everyone to walk or exercise there. New landscaping will make the Garapan Core more appealing to residents and visitors, and 350 new public parking spaces will be built, providing plenty of parking and walking space. This will be the most urbanized area in the Commonwealth, so residents can mingle with tourists and fellow residents daily.

I am eager to see a clearer delineation between private properties and public rights-of-way. This is very important for existing and future developments in the Garapan Core. I'm hoping to see some order in what has become a very unrestrained, disorganized area over the last few decades.

The funds that will be spent to mobilize this project will contribute to the CNMI economy almost immediately. Moreover, the long-term impact will undoubtedly be significant. The Garapan Revitalization Project aims to nurture an environment in which businesses can open, renovate, expand, and thrive.

Our long-term goal is to attract more businesses to the Garapan Core by providing a conducive environment for them to generate profit and tax revenue, which will then be recycled back into the community. Garapan's economic output has a huge impact on Saipan and the entire CNMI because more businesses are located here than anywhere else in the Commonwealth. The Garapan Revitalization Task Force does not intrude into private matters between owners and tenants. We encourage all business owners and entrepreneurs to contact building or property owners directly if they are interested in renting commercial space in Garapan.

We are aware of the rubbish around the Garapan Core. At this time, the Task Force defers to the agencies in charge of enforcing the CNMI's anti-litter law. We have no authority to impose sanctions. However, we can advise businesses to keep their properties litter-free, but it will be ineffective unless law enforcement officials begin citing violators.

We understand that several agencies have enforcement authority, and we can collaborate with them to keep this area as clean as possible. We want to encourage law enforcement to do everything within their power to prevent littering and issue citations when necessary. This will act as a deterrent to those who continue to break anti-littering laws. Eventually, we believe it is time to establish a Garapan Community Improvement District.

The nonprofit Garapan CID can collect assessments from commercial establishments in the special district for trash collection, landscaping, maintenance, and minor repairs of streets and fixtures. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the idea of a CID had strong support, but it's been on hold since. As we improve the area, it is time to revisit the proposal. Once this project is finished, we would like businesses to take ownership of the area since they will benefit directly. Experience has shown that the government can't handle everything, so we only hope that everyone in our community pitches in.

I'd like to give special recognition to the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration for funding this important project. Kudos to Gov. Torres, Lt. Gov. Palacios, the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Office of U.S. Congressman Sablan, Garapan Revitalization Task Force members, all government agencies, the business community, landowners, tourism industry stakeholders, and our residents for their support of this project.

The hard work of improving the Commonwealth continues. Together, We Can!

For more information, visit the GCEA website at cnmieconomy.com. Engage with the Council on Facebook and Instagram (@cnmigov.economy) or contact them at gceacnmi@gmail.com.

MHS quashes gun rumors

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The Marianas High School administration has quashed rumors about a student who is reportedly planning to bring a gun to school today, saying it found no factual evidence proving to support the claim.

A handful of MHS students took to social media yesterday to warn others about the possibility of a student bringing a gun to school today and insinuating a possible school shooting.

The MHS administration, headed by principal Jonathan Aguon, got wind of the claims and immediately launched an investigation. Fortunately, it was determined that the claims were a hoax.

"There has been a rumor spreading on social media of a student bringing in a gun to school [today]. The MHS administration immediately conducted an investigation. It has been determined that the nature of this post is indeed a rumor without any legitimate evidence of a threat," he said.

However, in an abundance of caution, MHS has decided to take precautions and Department of Public Safety officers will be stationed on campus throughout the day.

"Marianas High School takes the safety of our students, staff, and entire school community very seriously, and we will do our very best to uphold this. In the interest of safety, MHS immediately consulted with the Department of Safety to report this claim. Therefore, there will increased law enforcement presence on campus. Please do not be alarmed if you see law enforcement vehicles on our campus. MHS staff will be on high vigilance to ensure that everyone on campus is safe," Aguon said. ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***

AD TEAM

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committee interim chair Jonathan Cabrera to discuss the merger of their poll workers.

Norita said the Democratic Party has its own poll workers from the Nov. 8 general election and most of them are waiting to help the Palacios-Apatang team in the Nov. 25 runoff election.

As for those who opted not to work as poll workers on the day of the general election, the Democratic Party is getting the unified independent team's people to fill those slots or those positions across the CNMI, Norita added.

At the Commonwealth Election Commission board special meeting last Nov. 11, Oscar Babauta, who chairs the executive committee of Palacios-Apatang, and lawyer Michael Evangelista appealed to the board to allow the unified independent team to submit names from their side to be part of the election process in each polling place—poll workers, poll supervisors, and observers—to protect the integrity of the electoral process.

The CEC denied the request last Monday. CEC executive director Kayla S. Igitol said they're just going to stick with the election law that states that they need to get their poll workers listing from the two recognized parties—the Republican Party and the Democratic Party. Igitol said the unified independent team of Palacios-Apatang is not a recognized political party.

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IPI

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tioned off last Oct. 7.

Appellate court circuit judges Mary Margaret McKeown and William Fletcher issued a decision yesterday denying IPI's emergency motion to stay the District Court-ordered receivership.

"The emergency motion for a stay pending appeal (Docket Entry No. 2) is denied," the justices ordered without further explanation.

Meanwhile, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona confirmed yesterday the auction of IPI's gaming equipment pursuant to the receivership.

During the hearing, Manglona granted receiver Clear Management Ltd.'s motion for an order approving report and account sale, essentially confirming the sale of over $400,000 worth of IPI assets to the highest bidders.

IPI's lawyer Samuel Salyer, during the hearing, requested for a report for outstanding amounts of unsatisfied judgments against IPI before sales are confirmed, further asking the court to refrain from confirming the sale until appeal has been decided.

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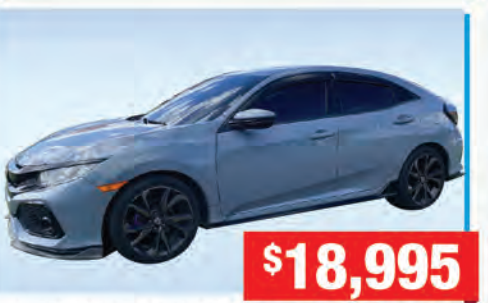

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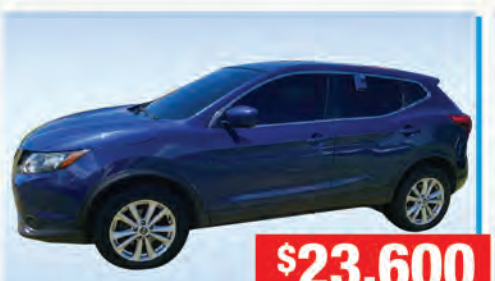

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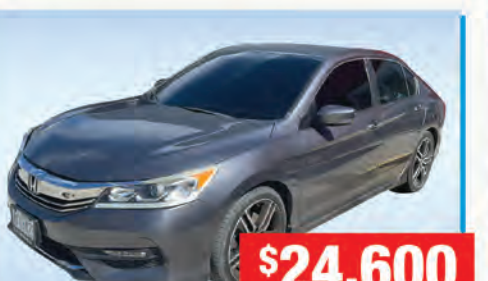

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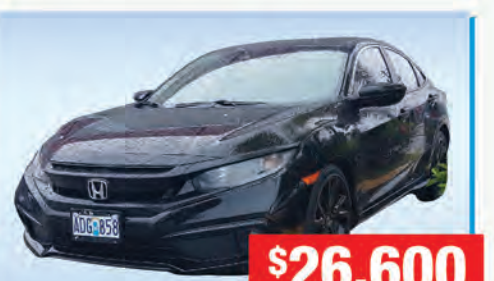

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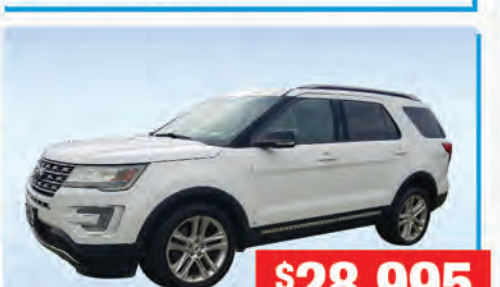

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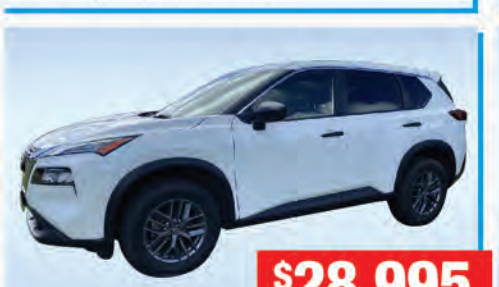

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NMTech certifies 12 DOC participants

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The Northern Marianas Technical Institute awarded 12 inmates from the Department of Corrections Outreach Program with a nationally recognized construction certification last Tuesday at an awarding ceremony at the Garapan Central Park.

This Construction: CORE Fundamentals certificate is accredited in the United States by the National Center for Construction in Education and Research or NCCER.

In the past year, inmates participated in classes at the Department of Corrections Outreach Center led by NMTech instructor Luis Deleon Guerrero. The completed program is a prerequisite for the Construction Trades curricula that is offered at NMTech. This cohort will be advancing to Electrical Level 1 in spring 2023.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Northern Marianas Technical Institute chief executive officer Jodina Attao speaks at the awarding ceremony for the 12 individuals from the Department of Corrections Outreach Program who were presented with a nationally recognized construction certificates last Tuesday at the Garapan Central Park.

In September last year, NMTech and DOC signed a memorandum of agreement to invest in individuals eligible for the DOC Outreach Program in an effort to decrease recidivism and increase future job opportunities as inmates reintegrate into the community.

"This pilot program could not have been possible without the collective efforts of multiple agencies—special thanks to the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. for funding the Workforce Development Training Scholarship Program, an in-house financial aid opportunity for construction courses, DOC Commissioner Wally Villagomez, Sgt. Jeff Quitugua, the rest of the DOC team for their unending support, our NMTech team for coordination efforts, the families and community partners for making this event a huge success," said NMTech.

Another awards ceremony for 70 NMTech students who have completed the courses on Automotive Technology, Culinary Arts, Hotel and Restaurant, and Construction will be held at the Garapan Central Park next week Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 5:30pm.

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This Notice of Hearing is hereby served upon you by publication to notify you that the Court has set a hearing on Plaintiff Bank of Guam's Amended Motion for an Order in Aid of Judgment on January 23, 2023 at 1:30p.m. The hearing will be held before Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the Amended Motion for an Order in Aid of Judgment in the above-styled matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Attorney for the Plaintiff is Robert T. Torres, whose address is 5962 Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 500730, Saipan, MP 96950.

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‘Independems’ coalition unveils unity pledge

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES
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REPORTER

The unified independent team of Lt. Gov. Arnold Palacios and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang and the Democratic Party coalition unveiled a unity pledge last Wednesday that doesn’t just make official the partnership between the two groups, but would also essentially be the backbone of the AD administration if Palacios and Apatang were to win in the upcoming runoff election.

Palacios, Apatang, Reps. Christina “Tina” Sablan (D-Saipan), and Leila Staffler (D-Saipan) unveiled and signed Wednesday a unity pledge between the independent group and the Democratic Party, solidifying the union that they call the “Independems.” Sablan and Staffler were the Democratic Party’s standard bearers last Nov. 8, 2022.

According to Palacios, the unity pledge between the AD team and the Sablan-Staffler duo addresses the issues and programs that the four have agreed are important tasks to tackle for a better Commonwealth.

“If we, the Palacios-Apatang team, are successful, we will pursue the issues that were agreed upon in this pledge,” he said.

If the AD duo is successful in the race for governor and lieutenant governor, the pledge will be the basis of success of the administration and will be tandem’s guide in their dream for a better CNMI.

Palacios’ running mate, Apatang, stated that if elected, he will ensure that he and Palacios will stand by their pledge as they believe that the issues addressed would ultimately restore the CNMI’s government to an honest and responsible one.

“We, the Democrats and independents, have united [through this pledge] for the betterment of our people here in the Commonwealth and this is a very happy day for us. The pledge that we signed today is very important as it states that Arnold and I share the same vision and we will make sure that we honor this pledge 100%. This is for our people. We need to take our government back and return it to our people. They deserve it,” he added.

Some of the issues that Palacios and Apatang have agreed to address include opening up the Commonwealth’s financial books, ending nepotism and political intimidation within the government, restoring the integrity of law enforcement agencies, instituting election reform, improving and expanding access to healthcare, establishing a robust workforce development program for the CNMI, and completing long-delayed disaster recovery and infrastructure development projects.

Sablan stated that it was important for her and Staffler that the AD duo understood some of the goals and objectives that that they were pushing throughout their campaign that were also consistent with AD’s vision and priorities and were addressed in this pledge.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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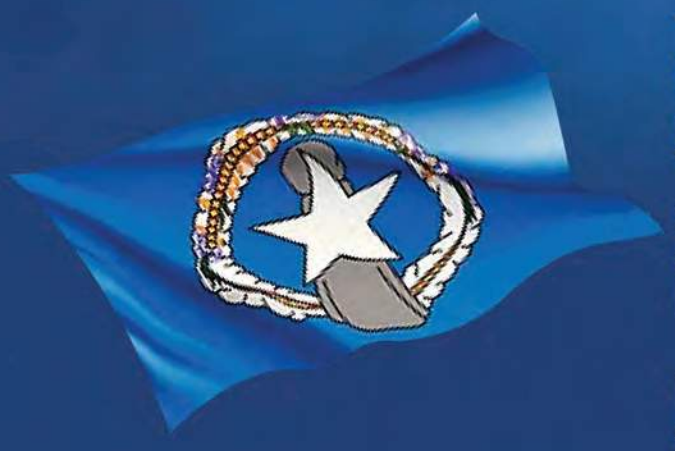

This Unity Pledge draws from plans laid out in the Democratic Sablan-Staffler platform and the vision and priorities of the Independent Palacios-Apatang coalition. Through this Unity Pledge, we, the undersigned, affirm our shared commitment to restoring public trust in government and laying the foundations for good governance in the Northern Mariana Islands.

We recognize the urgency of the moment, in ensuring that there will be a change in leadership, and a new Palacios-Apatang administration that will right the ship of government and place our commonwealth on a healthier, more equitable, and more prosperous course.

Arnold Palacios and David Apatang are committed to leading and serving the people of the Marianas with integrity, fairness, transparency, and fiscal responsibility. As governor and lieutenant governor, they will express these values in their actions, which shall include but not be limited to:

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1. Opening up the commonwealth's financial books.
Within the first 100 days of office, the Palacios-Apatang administration will report to the people on the true financial condition of the government and their plans to improve collections and efficiency, continue the delivery of public services, and reverse the impacts of seven years of reckless spending under the Torres administration.

2. Ending the culture of cronyism, nepotism, and political intimidation in our government.
The Palacios-Apatang administration will ensure fairness in government contracting and hiring. Public contracts will be awarded after an open bidding process and with adherence to government procurement rules. The Palacios-Apatang administration will restore the merit-based system of public employment, and accept applications for political appointments as well. They will also invest in the professional development of government employees, to include training in ethics, the Open Government Act, customer service, and workplace rights.

3. Restoring the integrity of law enforcement agencies. The Palacios-Apatang administration will address the leadership, officer morale, training, and misconduct issues impacting the commonwealth's law enforcement agencies, especially the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Corrections. They will also reestablish and strengthen relationships with federal law enforcement partners, especially the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

4. Instituting election reform. The Palacios-Apatang administration will work with the legislature and the Commonwealth Election Commission to enact legislation that improves the integrity and efficiency of the election process, and establish Standard Operating Procedures before the next general election.

The Palacios-Apatang administration will also prioritize public resources for investments that build for a thriving future - and especially in healthcare, education and training, worker protections, sustainable economic development, and infrastructure. These investments shall be distributed equitably across the Marianas, and shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Improving and expanding access to healthcare.
The Palacios-Apatang administration will transfer funding owed to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, including long-overdue federal funds allocated over a year ago for a new MRI unit for the hospital. They will also deliver support to the Tinian and Rota health centers, to provide access to critical supplies and services, including dental care. The Palacios-Apatang administration will work with the legislature and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to reform medical referral services, and establish a sustainable health network program under CHCC. Recognizing the insurance cliff that thousands of residents will face when Medicaid presumptive eligibility ends, the Palacios-Apatang administration will provide a public buy-in option in the government's health insurance plan and/or CNMI Medicaid.

2. Establishing a robust workforce development program for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.
The Palacios-Apatang administration will facilitate collaboration among the Department of Labor, educational institutions, and employers to provide pathways to education and training, apprenticeships, and gainful employment for the people of the Marianas. The Palacios-Apatang administration will work with the legislature, advocates, and employers to strengthen protections in the law for public and private sector workers, and to gradually raise the minimum wage. The Palacios-Apatang administration will also continue to support the passage of Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan's H.R. 560, and ensure the inclusion of CW workers and their families in the commonwealth's transition to 2029, when the CW program is due to end.

3. Completing long-delayed disaster recovery and infrastructure development projects.
Within 100 days of office, the Palacios-Apatang administration will provide a report to the people of the Marianas of the status of all disaster recovery and infrastructure projects on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota that have yet to be completed. The reconstruction and repair of our public educational facilities will be given special priority. The Palacios-Apatang administration will additionally leverage the resources of the government in cleaning up and beautifying our islands, and revitalizing, repairing, and maintaining tourist sites across the Marianas. These efforts shall include an assessment of the structural integrity of the casino resort in Garapan, and a market feasibility study and regulatory review of the gaming industry. The Palacios-Apatang administration will also prioritize the use of federal and local infrastructure money to make meaningful investments in energy efficiency and renewables, the completion of the Kagman Watershed Project, and the delivery of clean, drinkable tap water for the people of the Marianas.

The people of the Marianas deserve a trustworthy and responsible government, economic development that is compatible with our environment and cultures, and islands that are clean, safe, and beautiful.

The time to join forces and work together for the greater good is now - and it has never been more urgent. We appeal to the voters of the commonwealth to make their voices heard in the runoff election on November 25, and vote for the change in leadership we need, with Arnold Palacios and David Apatang.

Signed, this 16th day of November, 2022:

Arnold I. Palacios
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Candidate for Governor
Independent

David Apatang
David M. Apatang
Candidate for Lt. Governor
Independent

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The menace in our midst, live from Mar-a-Lago

Much like seven years ago, Donald Trump is running for president to the dismay of establishment Republicans. They figured him for a loser when he announced in 2015. He wasn't, but he looks more like one now after his chosen candidates fared poorly in Pennsylvania, Arizona and other swing states in the midterm election.

Even Rupert Murdoch's New York Post and Wall Street Journal editorial board have turned on Trump. But it would be reckless to count Trump out or underestimate how he and his enraged politics of grievance still menace our democratic form of government.

Trump won in 2016 with a primeval appeal to the fears, resentments and prejudices of enough voters to leave most establishment politicians lying prostrate at his feet for four long years.

The more things change, the angrier Trump gets. He began his third campaign Tuesday night with a long and subdued speech at Mar-A-Lago, full of his characteristic bombast, hyperbole, exaggeration and breathtaking disregard for the truth.

There are not "millions and millions" of immigrants swarming across the border. It will not take "200 to 300 years" for climate change to affect our coasts (as South Florida already knows). Inflation was not "zero" on his watch. The country is not in "a horrible state." There are no "blood-soaked streets" in "cesspool cities."

It was a rerun of his "American carnage" inaugural address. Even a bored Fox News cut away to other programming at one point.

Everywhere you look, Trump-backed candidates lost. In a victory for democracy, the system held. The "Stop the Steal" movement may have finally breathed its last with the defeat of Kari Lake, an election denier who lost her bid for Arizona governor.

But Trump remains a dire threat to democracy and a serious risk of inciting new violence. The more he loses, the more ruthless he becomes. He incited a mob of supporters to attack the Capitol in an attempt to overturn the 2020 election that he had lost. He could still be indicted for that, even though he's now a candidate.

The Trump faithful remains an electoral force, at least in Republican primaries, despite visible cracks in the base. A post-election poll for the Republican Party of Texas put Gov. Ron DeSantis in the lead there at 43% with Trump at 32% followed by four also-rans.

DeSantis has not announced his candidacy, but his intentions are plain and he's among those lamenting the disappointing Republican midterm results.

A DeSantis-Trump battle could open the door to more moderate Republicans such as outgoing Gov. Larry Hogan of Maryland, former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu.

DeSantis is riding so high from his landslide reelection that some people seem to think he's the only plausible alternative to Trump. In fact, they are more alike than they are different, as the wider American public needs to learn. DeSantis is simply a more polished version of Trump.

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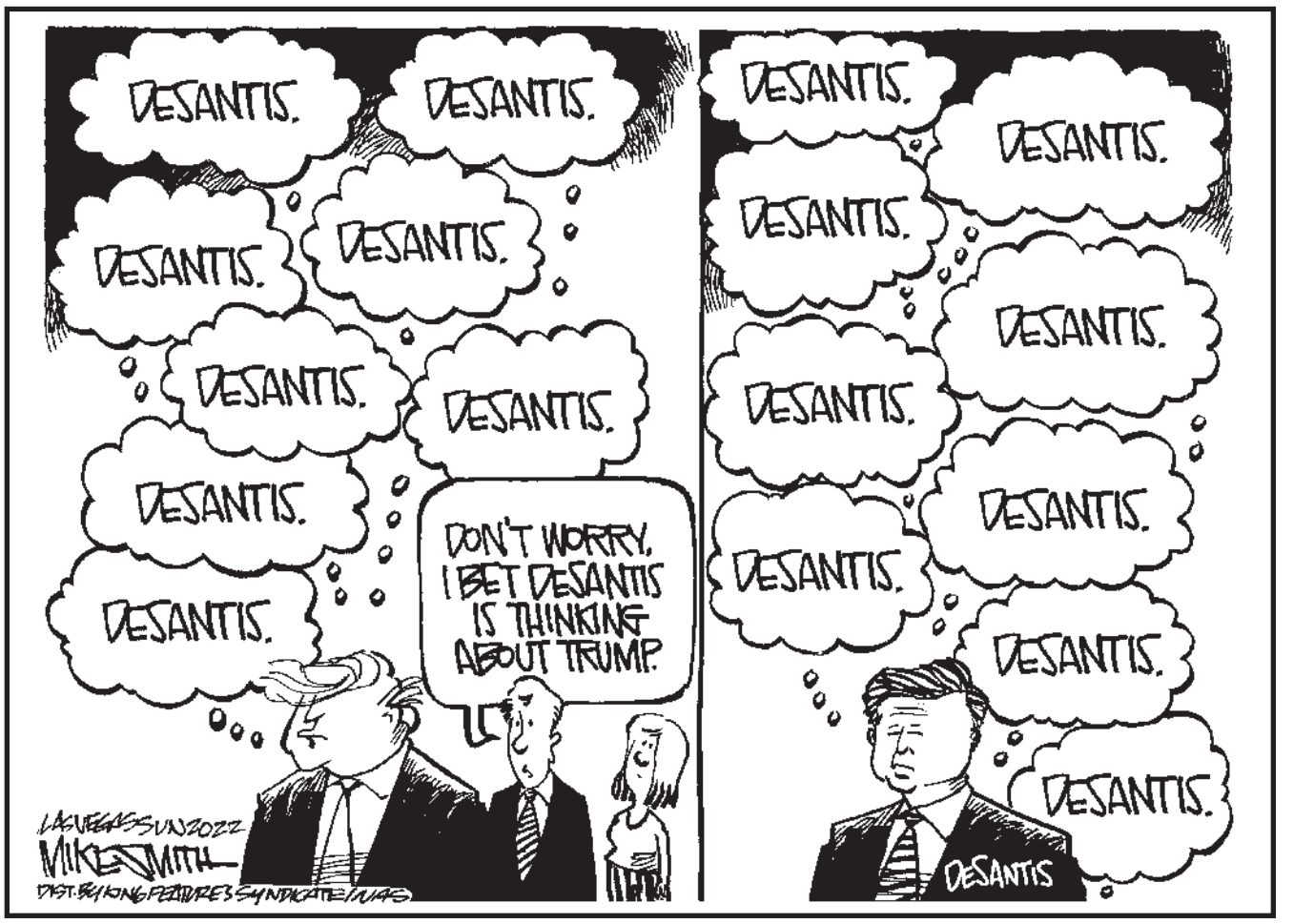

Independents may not like Biden, but they abhor Trump

By SCOTT JENNINGS
Los Angeles Times

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I thought I was taking crazy pills on the set of CNN's "Election Night in America" show on Nov. 8, leafing through the pages of exit polls just before the returns started rolling in.

Nearly half the country said they are "worse off" than they were two years ago. Three-quarters said they believed the nation's economy was "not good" or "poor." Inflation was the top issue, and 79% of Americans said they faced hardship from it. Almost 75% said they were "dissatisfied" or "angry" about the way things are going in the U.S.

Democratic President Joe Biden? Unpopular, at just a 41% approval rating. His policies? Also unpopular: Forty-seven percent thought they were "hurting" the country, versus 33% who said they were helping.

A sour, angry electorate showed up at the midterm election polls, according to the data. They should have punished the party in power, especially the independent swing voters among them, who made up about a third of all voters. That would have matched similar trends in the 2006, 2010, 2014 and 2018 midterms.

And yet, the swing voters didn't swing that way at all.

Independents broke slightly for the Democrats nationally—49% to 47%—and they sided with Biden's party even more decisively in key Senate contests.

In Georgia: Independents went for Democratic incumbent Raphael Warnock by 11 points over Herschel Walker.

In Arizona: Democratic Sen. Mark Kelly won them by 16 points over Republican challenger Blake Masters.

In Pennsylvania: Democrat John Fetterman won them by 20 points over Republican Mehmet Oz.

As election night wore on, it became clear to me that although independents in 2022 may not love Biden, they absolutely abhor Donald Trump. And in each of those three states, the Republican Senate candidates shared the characteristic of being, to varying degrees, a subsidiary of Trump.

If Biden's approval rating is low, Trump's favorability is worse, sitting nationally at 39%. He is hugely unpopular, and his brand continues to taint Republicans who haven't built their own identities.

In Georgia, the incumbent Republican Gov. Brian Kemp won independents over Democrat Stacey Abrams, even as Walker was losing them. Kemp is known for having stood up to Trump after the 2020 election and withstanding a Trump-backed primary challenger.

Kemp is his own man, and he was rewarded for it.

Several Republican governors have figured this out. In 2021, it was Glenn Youngkin who won election in Virginia, a state Biden had won by 10 points just a year earlier. This year, Govs. Mike DeWine in Ohio and Ron DeSantis in Florida developed their own identities and were rewarded with big wins.

Republicans need to finally learn the lesson: Trump is not a majority maker for himself, his adopted party or for most of the candidates he picks. He backed into the presidency in 2016, winning fewer votes than the most unpopular Democratic candidate of my lifetime. He cost his party the House in 2018 and the Senate in 2020. He lost the White House in 2020 and has virtually no path back to it in 2024, based on the 2022 midterm results. Trump will never, ever command a majority of the national popular vote.

He is a loser, according to the empirical evidence.

Trump has never been weaker politically than he is now, or at least since the disgrace of Jan. 6, 2021. Republicans should have moved against him then, but they hesitated, allowing him to recover and dominate the GOP for another two years. When voids exist, they must be filled.

Two years ago, there wasn't a clear alternative to Trump. But now? Republicans can see the next lily pad.

DeSantis, coming off his victory last week, might be that Trump alternative, with Trump seriously weakened by the midterm results. Now is the time for the younger of the two Floridians and the party that adores him to take advantage of it.

Will Trump go down without a fight? No, of course not. He has many advantages—tons of money, a team that fully depends on him for their livelihoods and a committed group of supporters for whom politics is more a religious experience than a path to achieving governing authority.

Discerning Republican voters shouldn't cower or give in. After all, a majority of Republicans tell pollsters they are more loyal to the party than the former president. If they mean it, they should think hard about what it takes to appeal to independents. If they want their party to return to power, they should find a new nominee in 2024.

Amata highlights Alzheimer's Awareness Month 2022

By AUMUA AMATA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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This month, we think of the millions of people worldwide, including many Samoans, who suffer from Alzheimer's, an excruciatingly difficult disease that robs people of their most basic treasures—their memories. It is this fact that makes this disease so terrible. Its very nature also subjects the families of those afflicted to what is often called 'the long goodbye.'

While there is no known cure yet, scientists are making important progress. A key is financial support, and Congress has been active in supporting research. In 2011 and 2014 respectively, Congress passed the National Alzheimer's Project Act and the Alzheimer's Accountability Act. Through these bipartisan bills, we have been able to substantially increase Alzheimer's research and gather key data to inform future appropriations. I will do my best to ensure that these key laws are reauthorized by Congress.

While we work toward a cure, we should all continue to offer our support and love to those we know are affected by this terrible disease.

Republicans are ready to 'move on' from Trump after election debacle. Too bad they can't

By JOSH GOHLKE
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Now that Donald Trump has authored Republicans' third national electoral rebuke in four years, the party that collectively surrendered to his dangerous buffoonery has devised an equally brilliant strategy for emerging from its resulting marginalization: They're simply going to "move on."

"Republicans are ready to move on without Donald Trump," said a Fox News column declaring the resoundingly reelected governor of Florida, Ron DeSantis, "the new Republican Party leader." Virginia Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears, who campaigned for Trump in 2020, warned that "a true leader understands when they have become a liability." And Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a member of the party's vestigial rational wing, told CNN that the midterm election was Trump's third strike and he was therefore out.

But politics ain't baseball any more than it's beanbag. Republican elites planning to "move on" to a glimmering post-Trump future should ask Atlantic City and Mike Pence how that turned out.

For all the party's fond hopes of declaring the end of a disastrous era by op-ed or executive order, it has yet to secure the cooperation of at least one prominent Republican: Donald Trump.

A week after the election embarrassment was widely pinned on him, Trump showed precisely how much respect he had for his fellow partisans' determination to leave him behind by traipsing into the political wreckage to announce his next presidential campaign. Underscoring the sense of shamelessness, the announcement coincided with the publication of a memoir by Pence, the vice president threatened with hanging at the hands of Trump's supporters, and took place at Mar-a-Lago, the Florida compound where he could be federally charged with hoarding classified documents.

All the party's talk of page-turning fails to account for Trump's invariable refusal to accept responsibility for any defeat or disgrace. It also ignores countless previous paroxysms of futile Republican exasperation with him, beginning with his original hostile takeover of the party in 2016. Trump's outright ownership of the GOP never had anything to do with the preferences of its ostensible intelligentsia, and it doesn't have anything to do with them now.

In an attempt to suggest otherwise, the anti-tax Club for Growth released a polling memo this week purporting to show that likely Republican voters in early-voting Iowa and New Hampshire prefer DeSantis to Trump. Other surveys showed DeSantis surging after his strong showing last week, but they also underscored the persistence of Trump's base. A recent YouGov poll put the ex-president and the Florida governor in a statistical tie among Republicans nationwide, while a Politico-MorningConsult poll showed Trump maintaining a lead among registered Republicans.

Besides being in the shadow of the midterm results and over a year ahead of any presidential voting, the polls put DeSantis in the sort of head-to-head matchup with Trump that he is unlikely to enjoy. They also uniformly show that Trump still has the level of Republican support that propelled him past a fractured field six years ago.

Sure, DeSantis had a good election night. But he is also a petulant bigot with a penchant for bullying the vulnerable and presiding over mass fatalities—a brand Trump seems to have mastered with considerably more charisma and showmanship. Moreover, DeSantis went into the election as a Republican incumbent in a state that has been drifting right for years and, overrun as it is by alligators and theme parks, isn't a lot like the rest of the country.

As Trump has emphasized lately, it was his own endorsement that played no small part in catapulting DeSantis into the governorship four years ago. It's another reminder that even if the former president's nearest rival could somehow exorcise Trump from the party, it will still be the party of Trumpism. Try as Republicans might to move on from the man, they can't run away from his miserable legacy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is it over yet?

Thank you for your coverage of the year's runoff race that will begin early voting today.

I for one am looking forward to this election being over for two reasons only. So we can stop all of this nonsense and get back to working for the people with the successes we have seen under Ralph Torres as governor.

How long have we asked for Beach Road to be fixed? As long as I have been here. It was only Ralph Torres as governor that got it done.

How long have we seen Puerto Rico dump remain an ugly trash mountain? It was only Ralph Torres as governor that turned it into a beautiful park.

How long have we waited for someone to reduce our CUC bills? It was only Ralph Torres as governor that we finally got relief.

I don't care about whatever nonsense people say about travel or whatever. Did any of that help my family? Did it bring back tourists? Did it keep us safe from COVID? Did it create jobs? No.

Every election we see someone saying we need change. We do. That's why I am voting for Ralph and Vinnie because they are the only ones that are changing anything.

So many past governors and former congressmen are supporting Palacios. We don't need that same old thing. We need change and the only candidates who offer change are Ralph and Vinnie.

Benjamin Paul Taisacan Manglona
via email

My respect to Andrew Salas

I write this article not for political reasons but from my own observation as a member of our community and watching how the campaign was handled by Arnold Palacios. It was obvious from the very beginning that Arnold allowed anyone to be part of their campaign even if it will hurt his other candidates, like Andrew Salas. We see Arnold taking many photo-ops with another candidate who was challenging Andrew Salas. I have seen many pocket meetings on social media where they invited another Senate candidate to their own gatherings, who would, of course, hurt Andrew's chances. Andrew Salas would contribute to the event only to see another candidate from the Democrat Party be invited by Arnold. Arnold defends himself by saying he doesn't personally invite the opponent but why does he take photo-ops and post them on social media? Why does the Arnold camp show their continued affiliation and support of another candidate? For me, that's not only wrong but offensive to Andrew and his family.

There should be honor and respect.

While I am hurt to see what happened, I totally respect Andrew's decision to move to Ralph and Vinnie. His entire family have witnessed enough betrayal and now, they have moved forward and want to do the right thing. Much respect to you, Andrew Salas and your family. I would also like to take this opportunity to say that I believe in what I see in the progress of accomplishments and not the negative social media campaign. I will be voting for Ralph and Vinnie as they are the best team to lead our Commonwealth.

Antonio M. Reyes Jr.
Garapan, Saipan

MENACE

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In a column skeptical of both men, The Boston Globe's Jeff Jacoby wrongly credits DeSantis with "strongly promoting vaccines" against COVID-19. He didn't. In fact, DeSantis signed a law banning vaccine mandates in schools and workplaces, and he just gave a resounding endorsement of Dr. Joseph Ladapo, the quack anti-vaxxer running the Florida Department of Health.

A nagging bit of post-election media spin is that DeSantis is the best alternative to Trump. But Florida's governor is just as authoritarian and polarizing. His ideology is deeper-rooted, and he is less prone to push the "big lie." But DeSantis' judicial appointments are as reactionary as Trump's and vetted by the same Federalist Society gurus. Both sought to suppress voting and exploit religion. "Megalomaniacs of a feather," as columnist Frank Bruni wrote in The New York Times.

DeSantis' "stop woke" law, censoring how schools and colleges teach American history, is a more subtle appeal to racism than Trump's overt bigotry.

To Trump, the prospect of DeSantis' rivalry must be the unkindest cut of all. One of the few truths Trump tells is that his tweeted endorsement was critical to DeSantis winning the GOP nomination for governor in 2018. However, Trump's recent claim that he had to send in the FBI and Justice Department to Broward County in order to secure the general election for DeSantis has been repudiated by everyone who should know.

If Trump can't bluff DeSantis out of the race, Florida will have a presidential primary in 2024 unmatched for its ferocity and its consequences.

Florida will face the prospect of a sitting governor clashing with a former president who is his best-known constituent. Florida's winner-take-all primary could be fatal to the ambitions of one or the other, because the state Republican Party awards all delegates to the candidate who leads, even with less than a majority. In 2016, Trump won all 99 Florida delegates with 45.7% of the vote, leaving none for Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz, who ran second and third in the 13-candidate field.

The Democrats' method of awarding delegates by proportional representation is a better system, especially at producing a moderate, consensus candidate from the long slog of primaries.

Across the country, a close look at last week's results strongly suggests that the Trump brand's appeal may be waning. The ultimate "Florida Man" must be stopped, once and for all.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly sunny with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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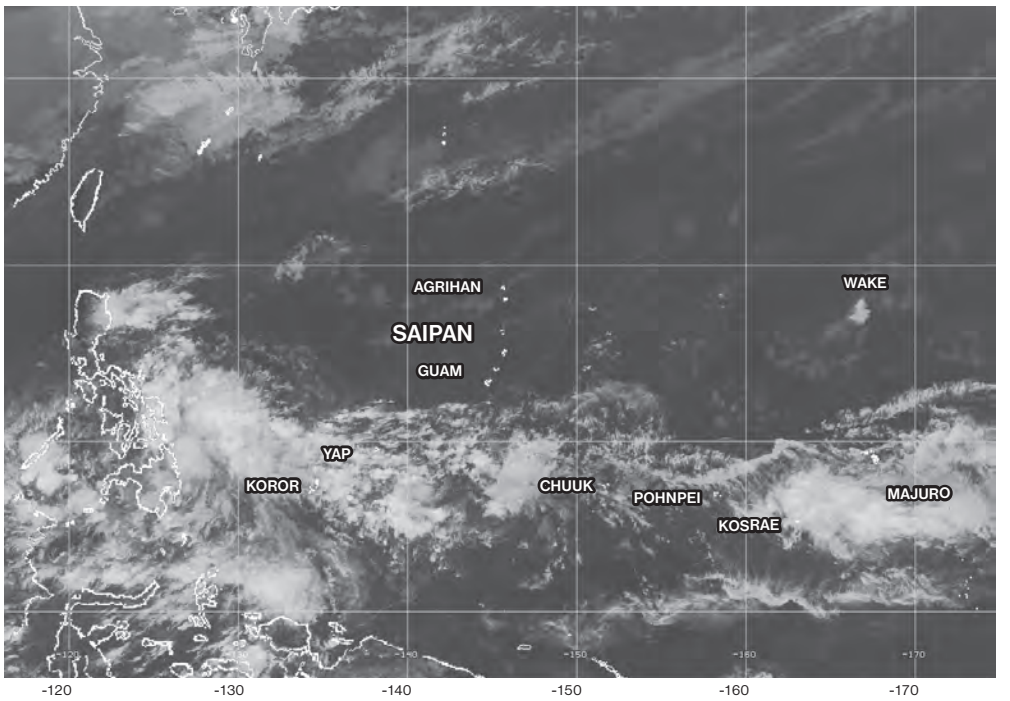

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows widely scattered showers moving through the Marianas Waters. The buoys reveal combined seas of 5 to 7 feet composed mostly of a northeast swell.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	82° / 76°
Yap	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Pohnpei	Showers	85° / 74°
Kosrae	Showers	85° / 78°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	83° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Thundershowers	68° / 59°
Beijing	Cloudy	56° / 39°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	78° / 72°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	84° / 72°
London	Partly Cloudy	51° / 36°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	75° / 48°
Manila	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	73° / 56°
Miami	Cloudy	78° / 67°
New York	Partly Cloudy	47° / 33°
Osaka	Sunny	67° / 46°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	54° / 39°
Busan	Sunny	68° / 54°
Rome	Rain	67° / 53°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	51° / 28°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	60° / 44°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	61° / 38°
Tokyo	Sunny	63° / 47°
Washington, DC	Sunny	46° / 29°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:20 AM	5:43 PM
Sunday	6:20 AM	5:43 PM
Monday	6:21 AM	5:43 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:08 AM	1:09 PM	-
Friday	12:58 AM	1:46 PM	-
Saturday	1:47 AM	2:22 PM	-
Sunday	2:37 AM	2:58 PM	-
Monday	3:28 AM	3:36 PM	-

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
1:43 AM	High Tide	1.15
8:43 AM	Low Tide	0.24
4:06 PM	High Tide	1.67
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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	7:05AM	9:45AM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	7:45AM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	8:00PM	9:50PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	3:40PM	10:35AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

OZ624	3:40PM	7:40PM	3, 6
TW308	4:30PM	8:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:46AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00AM+1	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:55PM	4:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	12:40AM	6:30AM	3, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA189/174	12:40AM	8:46AM+1	3, 6 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55PM	8:46AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:46AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
OZ704/623	11:50PM	2:40PM+1	2, 5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ623	9:00AM	2:40PM	3, 6
TW307	10:00AM	3:30PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3406	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
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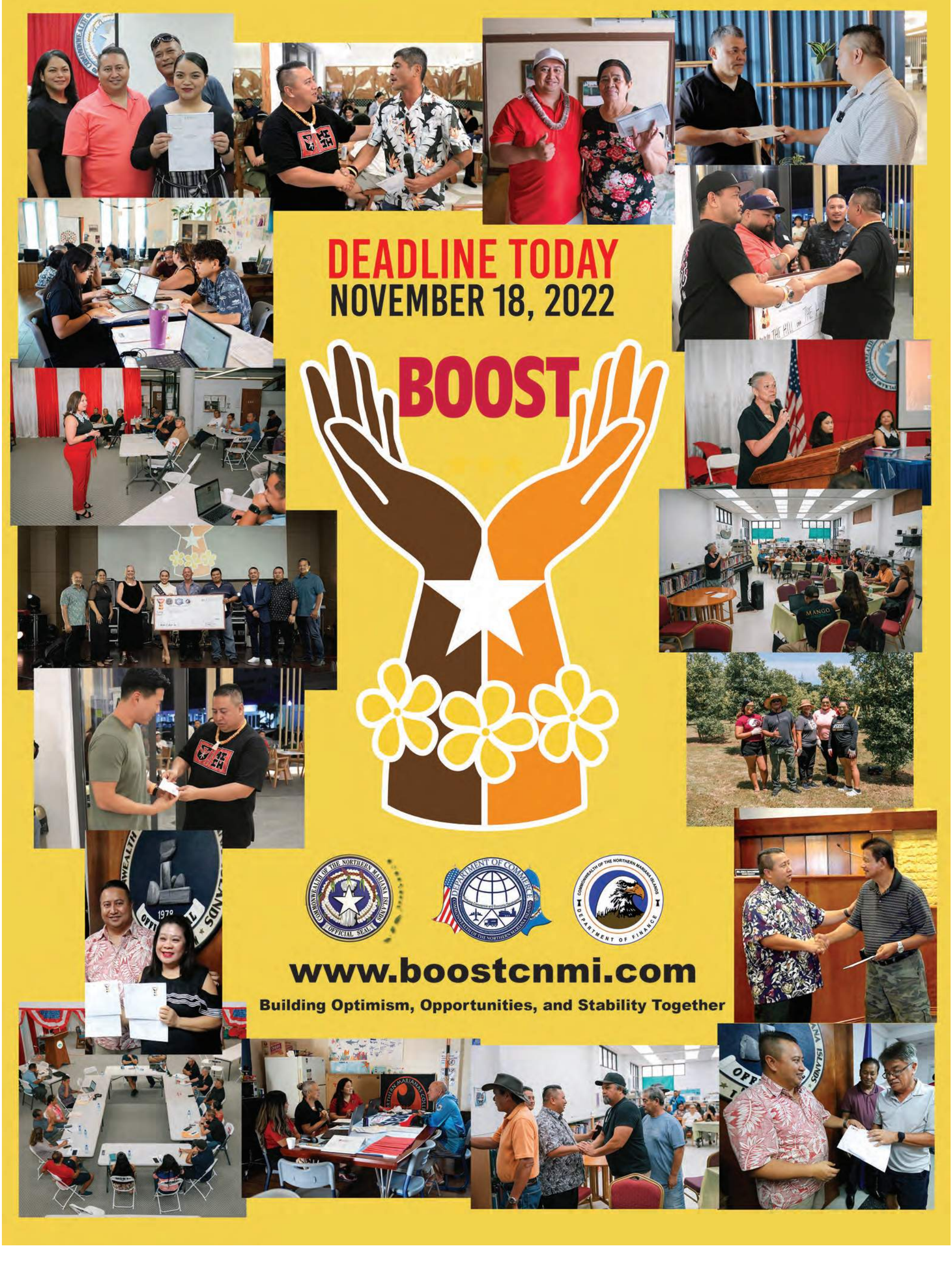
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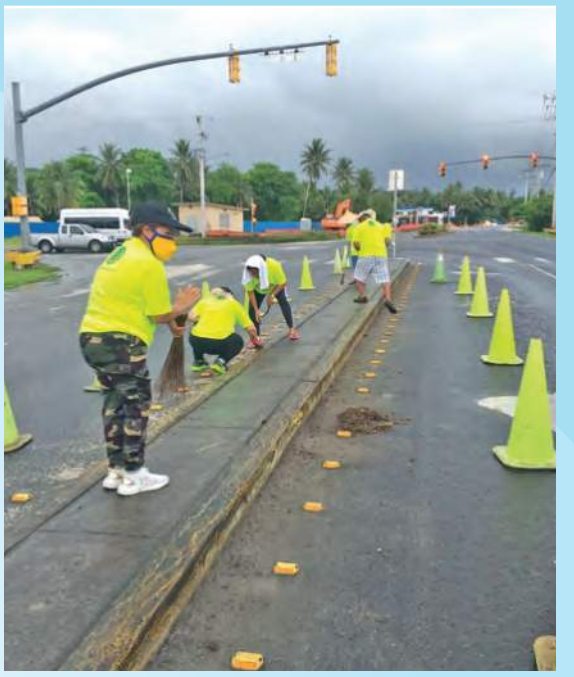

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Saipan Awaodori Team to perform in Guam

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Saipan Awaodori Team members Kimo Elias Osiik, Cassidy Wabol, Coddie Franco Forbes, Jeafanie Tibong, Marcela Heben, Julianne Mettao, Leon Wabol, Eleazir Mettao, and O.J. Search Osilek are off to Guam this weekend to perform in the Japan Autumn Festival at Ypao Beach Park.

For the first time ever, the Saipan Awaodori Team will be traveling to Guam today to perform in the Japan Autumn Festival at the Ypao Beach Park this Saturday.

Sheena Saures will head the Saipan Awaodori Team and will be accompanied by drummers Kimo Elias Osiik, Cassidy Wabol, and Coddie Franco Forbes, dancers Jeafanie Tibong, Marcela Heben, Julianne Mettao, Leon Wabol, and Eleazir Mettao, and bell player O.J. Search Osilek.

Team coordinator Sonia Siwa said the Japan Club of Guam invited the group to perform in the U.S. territory and it was actually postponed by a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is the first time for the Saipan Awaodori Team to perform in Guam. Usually it's always in Japan before the pandemic," she said.

The Saipan Awaodori Team will fly to Guam this morning and will also visit the Japanese School of Guam and perform at the Guam Premium Outlet.

The team's trip to Guam is sponsored by Kinpachi Restaurant.

The restaurant's owner, Misako Kamata, said she has always supported the Saipan Awaodori Team from the start. "These kids are all local kids and they can dance better than other Japanese. …They learned a lot from the team, not only dancing and playing instruments, but even in their personality—proper respect and how to deal with other people. Some who were shy eventually became outgoing," she said. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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The Office of the Governor, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), through the Governor's Authorized Representative (collectively, "Commonwealth"), on behalf of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs is soliciting sealed bids for the supply and installation of typhoon rated doors, windows, and shutters at the Saipan Office on Aging in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The ITB package will be available starting **November 4, 2022**, at the Office of the Governor, HMGP Office, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950 between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Government observed holidays upon presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CNMI Treasury by cash or credit in the amount of $50.00 for the ITB package set.

All interested bidders must include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid package to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Pohnpei Way, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Bidding procedures shall fully comply with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, revised through May 24, 2001, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor, and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

There will be a pre-bid meeting for this project on **November 21, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Saipan Office of Aging. Questions or requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Leona Deleon Guerrero, Program Manager, via email at ldlguerrero@omb.gov.mp no later than **November 28, 2022.** Responses to questions or clarification will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **ITB22-GOV-42300006 Supply and Installation of Typhoon Rated Doors, Windows, and Shutters - Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Saipan Office on Aging Center.** One original and three copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST, December 7, 2022.** Bidders outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days to receive their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement Services no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST December 7, 2022**, must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to **bidintent@dof.gov.mp**. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 7, 2022**, and mailed to the Director of Procurement Services P.O. BOX 510008 CK, Saipan MP 96950 and the bid documents must be received no later than **December 14, 2022.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be a cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950, at **10:00 a.m. ChST, December 21, 2022.** However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open and read at **10:00 a.m. ChST, December 7, 2022.**

Bids higher than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the proposal. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable to the Government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety satisfactory to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and ITB Number and a notation on the face of the cheque: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Before the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit the following:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has the authority to issue a bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the Procurement Services Director, to substitute an acceptable bond before executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only 1) Cash, 2) U.S. Government Securities, 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on U.S. Security Exchange, 4) Real property owned in fee simple in the U.S.; and 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completing this project is 270 calendar days upon issuing a Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be $100.00/day.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the CNMI.

The Government reserves the right to reject any proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the CNMI. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Patrick C. Guerrero
Governor's Authorized Representative

Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Director
CNMI Procurement Services

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TO ALL MEDIA SERVICES PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

MESSAGE: The Honorable Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and the Honorable Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the CNMI Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992," hereby give "Official Notice" that a **Preliminary Hearing** is scheduled for **November 21, 2022 (Monday) at 10:00 am** at the CNMI Board of Parole Office Building 1216, located at Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. The following individual (s) will appear before the Hearing Examiner.

I. Parolee

1. Edward I. Blas Cr. Cs. #: 17-0069 B.O.P #: 22-007-RA

Should you have any further inquiries, or need any additional information, please contact the CNMI Board of Parole Office at telephone number (670) 664-3300.

/s/ Michael H. San Nicolas
Chairman
CNMI Board of Parole

11/17/2022
Date

DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
P. O. Box 501304, Saipan MP 96950 | Gualo Rai Center, Saipan
Tel. No. 664-8300 FAX NO. 664-8315
www.dcrm.gov.mp

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
As of November 18, 2022

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. U.S.A. Fanter Corporation, Ltd.	08/05/2022 SMS-2012-X-061-A1	Cement Batching Plant & Hollow Block Facility	Kannat Tabla, Saipan	Major Siting	Application Under Review
2. Department of Public Works (DPW)	09/21/2022 CRM-MS2022-0001	Route 33 Beach Road Improvement Phase III & IV	Beach Road Oleai - Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting	Certified Complete/ Public Hearing 12/01/2022
3. Department of Public Works (DPW)	10/21/2022 APC-2022-0001	Kannat Tabla Road, Flood Control & Drainage System Improvement Project	Kannat Tabla, Saipan	Wetlands & Mangroves	Approved 11/14/2022
4. Town House, Inc.	10/25/2022 CRM-MD2022-0001	Demolition & Construction of Concrete Pad	Chalan Kanoa, Saipan	Coastal Hazard, Shoreline	Approved* 11/16/2022
5. Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)	10/28/2022 SSm-2023-004	Christmas Illumination of Lights	Beach Road, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved* 11/03/2022
6. Morito Asai dba Aquasmith	10/31/2022 SSLRm-2023-006	Underwater Treasure Hunt	San Roque, Saipan	Shoreline, Lagoon & Reef	Approved* 11/03/2022
7. Saipan Surf Company	11/01/2022 CRM-MD2022-0002	Boogie Down Surf Competition	Obyan Beach, Saipan	Shoreline, Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
8.Thanks Saipan Corporation	11/02/2022 SPlm-2023-008	Dry-Dock M/V Ocean Star	Lowerbase, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 11/03/2022
9. Joaquina Agulto	11/14/2022 APC2022-0002	Construction of a Single Story, 2-Bedroom Residential House	Chalan Kanoa, Saipan	Wetlands & Mangroves	Under Review*
10.Department of Public Works (DPW)	11/17/2022 CRM-MS2022-0002	Kagman Transfer Station Facility	Kagman, Saipan	Major Siting	Application Review

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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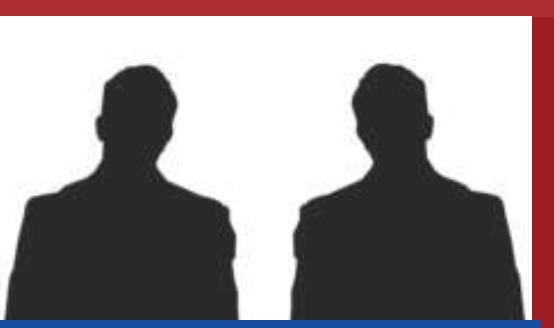

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ON EDUCATION

- **Invested $30 million to NMC & PSS to stabilize CNMI education system during COVID-19, ensure continuity of programs and services, and expand online education.**
- **Invested $69.8 million in PSS.**
- **Ensured access to higher education with $10.7 million annual appropriation to NMC.**
- **Supported NMC's campus rebuild by working with federal partners to secure over $100 million in grants for new buildings.**
- **Invested over $5 million in scholarships to college students, including non-US citizen students at NMC.**
- **Governor Torres comes from a family of educators. His wife, mother, and grandmother have all been teachers.**

NO PLANS

- **Official AD platform is absent of any concrete plans or vision for education.**
- **Arnold Palacios mostly not available during meetings on these matters, even when invited.**

THERE IS NO DEBATE.

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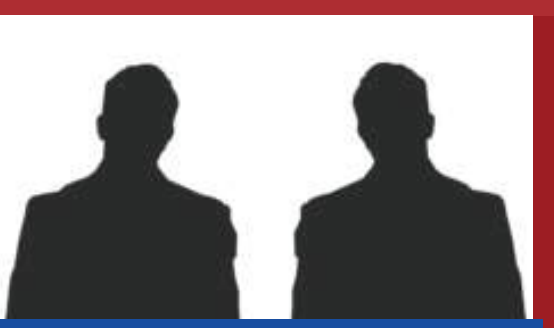

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ON THE ECONOMY

- **Created the fastest growing economy in the United States in 2016 and 2017, ensuring government services are funded and retirees' 100% pensions are secured.**
- **Mobilized more than $120 million in direct payments to CNMI residents to support economic activity.**
- **Created the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers to develop initiatives for economic growth and beautification projects for the return of tourism.**
- **Provided two stimulus payments during COVID-19 and utility vouchers due to rising global gas prices to CNMI taxpayers and ratepayers.**
- **Poverty declined in the CNMI by 10.7% from 2009 to 2019 (US Census, 2020).**
- **Median household income in the CNMI increased from $23,839 in 2009 to $31,362 in 2019 (US Census, 2020).**
- **CNMI workers today are earning an average of $14.37 per hour, $5.66 per hour more than in 2014, meaning the average worker in the CNMI is earning more today than ever before to provide for their families.**

NO PLANS

- **Official AD platform is absent of any concrete plans or vision for the economy or the retirees.**
- **Arnold Palacios did not provide any meaningful contribution on CNMI economic policies as Lt. Governor.**
- **Arnold Palacios mostly not at the office during meetings on these issues, even when invited.**

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 23 – 029

Opening Date: November 15, 2022
Closing Date: UNTIL FILLED

POSITION TITLE:	**Renewable Energy Engineer**
DEPARTMENT:	**Executive Director / Renewable Power Planning Division**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**Starting: $75,000.00 (Commensurate with qualifications and experience) per annum, Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**One (1)**

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Renewable Energy Engineering Manager or his/her designee.

Duties:

- Conducting research to develop new technology for renewable energy production
- Consulting with clients about the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of solar power systems
- Developing a plan to transition to alternative energy sources such as wind and solar power to reduce pollution and dependence on fossil fuels
- Performing analyses of potential sites for wind farms based on factors such as wind speed, terrain, vegetation, and proximity to transmission lines and load centers
- Conducting environmental assessments of proposed construction or demolition sites to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal regulations
- Designing structures such as wind turbines or solar panels, or developing materials such as coatings to improve efficiency of existing designs
- Conducting tests to measure the performance of equipment in real-world conditions and environments
- Conduct energy audits to evaluate energy use and to identify conservation and cost reduction measures.
- Analyzing data from experiments or field observations to identify trends or causes of variation.
- Handles the Project management aspect as designated.
- Responsible for the engineering aspect of the renewable energy planning division.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical, Mechanical, Environmental Engineering or related field and four years of related engineering experience.
Knowledge of: Engineering principles and practices; mathematical, practical application of engineering science and technology; project management principles; construction techniques; safe work practices; applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations.
Skills in: Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; reading, understanding, and preparing drawings for construction contracts; preparing a variety of technical reports and/or documentation; presenting technical information to management, public groups, and other related individuals; interpreting and preparing specifications; estimating construction costs; conducting studies. Able to use computers and related software applications; communicate, interact with co-workers, supervisor, contractors, representatives of other agencies and departments, and the general public to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction; use AutoCAD to prepare plans for utility projects and contracts is a plus. Registration as an Engineer-In-Training in the CNMI, Guam, or any State of the United States is preferred but not required. Applicants licensed as a Professional Engineer in the CNMI, Guam, or any State of the United States is encouraged to apply.

- **Licensing:**
  - o Valid CNMI Driver's License with appropriate class.
- **Physical Demands:**
  - o Occasional lifting of objects; Subject to standing, walking sitting, bending, reaching, kneeling, pushing and pulling.

All applicants may be tested and all applicants are subject to pre-employment drug test.

How to Apply: Submit a completed CUC Employment Application, resume, and applicable supporting documents to the CUC Human Resources office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan, Monday and Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm (Except Legal Holidays). Applicants on the island of Tinian and Rota may submit their documents to their respective CUC Administration office. Application, resume and supporting documents can also be e-mailed to: employment.applications@cucgov.org

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(REVISED)

JVA No. 23-013

Opening Date: November 15, 2022
Closing Date: November 30, 2022

POSITION TITLE:	**Trades Assistant: Electrician**
DEPARTMENT:	**Power Generation**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$16,742.00 to $22,602.00 per annum, Non- Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**One (1)**

The incumbent will be under the overall supervision of the Power Generation Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of Power Generation.

Duties:

- Assists with the safe and efficient operation of all plant equipment and machinery including, but not limited to,incinerators, generators, operation of valves, plant production operations, and unloading of diesel fuel tank trucks to storage tanks.
- Follows all safety and operations procedures during operations and maintenance activities
- Monitoring Plant systems as assigned
- Prepares job site for work including gathering and setting up materials and supplies, and setting work safety barriers for protection
- Gathers, cleans and returns equipment, materials and supplies used
- Cleans and maintains work site after project or repair work is complete
- Monitors equipment
- Takes readings and collects data; documents equipment readings
- Prepares and submits data and work reports
- Performs inventory spot checks to ensure adequate materials and supplies are available for daily work activities
- Assisting with equipment inspections, cleaning, corrosion control, and painting
- Operating incinerators
- Oil and water separator pump, servicing and preparing oil filters
- Maintaining grounds, trimming trees and removing debris and housekeeping
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma or General Education Diploma (GED) or Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program Adult School Diploma (AS) and 1 year of experience related to area of assignment. Training and knowledge in operations repair, and maintenance of power generating and/or industrial equipment/facilities desired but not required.
Knowledge of: Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology.
Skills in: Operating heavy and light equipment machinery, hand and power tools required of assigned area; Adhering to safety procedures and safe work practices; Prioritizing tasks and managing time for efficiency; Identifying issues and solving problems; Providing attention to detail; Taking equipment readings and recording data; Maintaining activity logs and reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must Able to lift and carry heavy objects of 45 pounds and over, climb ladders, reach above the shoulders, stand, sit, crawl and kneel for prolonged periods and perform repeated bending. Recognize color codes, operate cranes and motor vehicles. Work inside around machinery in operation; in varying degree of temperature in tight or cramped (confined) work spaces, at heights, on ladders or scaffolds, and on slippery or uneven walking surfaces in close proximity to high and low voltage circuits and climbs stairs frequently. Occasionally use solvents, de-greasing agents, or other chemical agents, and be assigned to protracted or irregular hours of work. Work in environments exposed to dust, oil, grease, constant or excessive noise, vibration, and smoke and gas fumes. Work closely with others and/or alone depending on assigned daily activities. Must be available to work a 24/7 rotation shift to include weekends and holidays, may be on call for emergency response.

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Staywell begins Open Enrollment for CNMI Gov't Employee Personal Plan

StayWell Insurance Saipan announced yesterday the annual CNMI Government Employee Personal Plan Open Enrollment beginning Nov. 21, 2022, through Dec. 22, 2022.

The enrollment period is open to all CNMI government employees who wish to apply. The rates are as follows: Medical only starts at $103.90/bi-weekly for a Single, $207.81/bi-weekly for Employee +1 dependent and $329.03/bi-weekly for Employee +2 or more dependents. Medical and Dental rates are at $129.90/bi-weekly for a Single, $259.81/bi-weekly for Employee + 1 dependent and $386.03/bi-weekly for Employee +2 or more dependents.

Benefit highlights include a first dollar plan, which means members are not required to pay a deductible. Members have access to a large provider network in the CNMI, Guam, Asia, and the U.S. StayWell members may also receive a refund through the prefunded deductible and enjoy exclusive discounts at StayWell's Perks Partners on Saipan and Guam. Furthermore, dental plans are available as options.

To schedule a presentation, contact branch supervisor Cathy Matsumoto at (670) 323-4260 Ext. 2202 or email her at ccmatsumoto@staywellguam.com.

For more information, call (670) 323-4260 or make an appointment to visit our office on the first floor of the RJ Commercial Building in Dandan. Applications may be completed and submitted at our office Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.

StayWell Insurance is headquartered in Maite, Guam. The insurance company has branches in Guam, the Philippines, and Saipan. Its health plans are backed by Reinsurance Group of America—a global leader in the life-and-health reinsurance industry and rated A+ on A.M. Best and AA- on S&P Global Ratings. StayWell is fully accredited by AAAHC and adheres to rigorous standards of care and safety. StayWell strives to create value for its customers through its customer service guarantees such as a 99% claims processing accuracy, 98% call-answer ratio and 90% first-contact resolution. ***(PR)***

PROPERTY FOR SALE
LOT NO. 002 G 300
NOTICE OF AUCTION & SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned counsel, Attorney Robert T. Torres (the auctioneer or his designee), for and on behalf of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund, will sell at auction, to the highest bidder, on **November 25, 2022**, at 10:00 a.m., at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Alageta Road, Kagman III, Saipan Municipality, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described further as follows:

Lot No. 002 G 300, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 07, the original of which was recorded on May 14, 1990, as Document No. 90-1904 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saian, CNMI.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. **Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties conducting the auction sale:
   a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before the sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever there; and
   c) to reject any and all bids.

2. **Minimum Bid.** Minimum bid for the sale of Lot No. 002 G 300 is **One Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (US $100,000.00).** All bids shall be in writing and constitute a formal offer from each bidder. Bids may be submitted in advance for said property. Bids may be submitted in advance in writing for the foregoing property. The minimum bid shall be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be submitted in person (at the auction), via email, or in writing by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, 5962 Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 500730, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: robert.torres@rttlawgroup.com by **8:00 a.m., Chamorro Standard Time on the auction date**. Any person who submits his/her bid shall provide a copy of his/her valid Identification Card (valid CNMI Driver's License or Passport). A written bid shall include the bidder's signature, with his/her telephone number, mailing address, and any other contact information. The winning bidder shall be the person to whom the property is confirmed if the bid is accepted. The CNMI Retirement Fund assumes no liability for any errors or omissions as to a bidder's name or identification if that information is not correctly indicated on the bid form. **Please contact the Law Office of Robert t. Torres for a bid form.**

3. **Deposit and Payment.** A non-refundable guarantee deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) day of the auction sale by the winning bidder, no later than 4:00 pm on that date, by payment to the Law Office of Robert T. Torres. The remaining balance shall be due within ten (10) calendar days from the auction sale. If the tenth calendar day falls on a weekend then the balance shall be due that Monday after the tenth calendar day. **All payments shall be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check.** Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the bidder's rights, title, and interest in the money shall revert to the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund.

4. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund reserve the right to change any of the terms conducted and enforcement of sale by the announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.

5. **Quitclaim Deed to Winning Bidder:** All bidders are notified that the NMI Retirement Funds, the Judgment – Creditors, shall issue a Quitclaim Deed to the Winning Bidder.

6. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are informed and cautioned to inspect the title and property including performing any title research, property inspection, boundary inspection, easement research, and encroachment research on the subject property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranties including but not limited to habitability or fitness for purpose. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer. A copy of the appraisal report and other documents pertaining to the property to be sold at auction are available upon request for review in advance of the auction date.

DATED this 24th day of October 2022.

/s/_____
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer for
Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund

Gaming Desktop w/ 27" Curved Monitor
$31.95 weekly

27" 5K Retina iMac
$21.95 weekly

PS5 Horizon Bundle Disc Edition
$28.95 weekly

20V MAX Cordless 3-Tool Set
$16.95 weekly

iPhone 11, 64GB
$19.95 weekly

iPhone 13, 128GB
$26.95 weekly

Samsung S21
$22.95 weekly

Samsung Note 20
$24.95 weekly

Macbook Pro
$30.95 weekly

Macbook Air
$26.95 weekly

Ideapad Gaming 15.6" Laptop
$22.95 weekly

Galaxy Tab S7 w/ Keyboard, 64GB
$13.95 weekly

Microsoft Surface Go
$15.95 weekly

iPad Mini, 5th Gen
$15.95 weekly

ASUS Convertible Vivobook
$12.95 weekly

Nintendo Switch OLED
$19.95 weekly

HISENSE 43" 4K TV
$13.95 weekly

HISENSE 65" 4K ROKU TV
$20.95 weekly

LG 85" LED 4k WebOS TV
$39.95 weekly

HISENSE 55 ROKU / 75" 4K TV
Starting at $17.95 weekly

Nest Bunny Fur Queen Chair
$14.95 weekly

Home Karaoke Party Speaker
$16.95 weekly

JBL Party Box Encore
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THE UNSPOKEN STORY OF OUR ENDANGERED SPECIES

ALYSSA CEPEDA DFW WILDLIFE SECTION

One takeaway from my experience this summer would be how lucky we are to have many unique and rare wildlife species on our islands that can't be found anywhere else in the world. As an intern with the Division of Fish and Wildlife, I worked on a variety of different projects relating to our island's wildlife.

I worked to install cameras at sites in order to assess the population of our endangered bird species, analyzed audio recordings using spectrograms, performed bird surveys, and conducted technical guidance assessments. I also had the opportunity to monitor sea turtles around the island, working to ensure all new turtles have been tagged and all hatchlings make their way to shore safely. More extensively, I conducted vegetation surveys to better understand what supports our endangered species out in the jungle.

The collective efforts on the different projects at DFW share the same purpose: to ensure the long-term survival and sustainability of our islands' wildlife for present and future generations.

For my project this summer, we worked on creating a plant guide specific to the Saipan Upland Mitigation Bank (SUMBA), which is our main study area for the endangered species project. The SUMBA is a conservation area that serves as critical habitat for

many threatened and endangered bird species, such as the Micronesian Megapode, or sasangat, and the Nightingale Reed-Warbler, or gåga karisu.

We hiked throughout the jungle in order to survey the vegetation present as it is a critical dataset when protecting our wildlife. It tells us the unspoken story of what supports our wildlife in terms of preferred habitat and available food resources (Falanruw et al., 1989).

One of the biggest challenges when performing vegetation surveys would be coming across plants that are not easy to identify. By creating a plant guide specific to the SUMBA conservation area, it will be a lot quicker to identify vegetation when out in the field collecting data. We were able to create the plant guide using our observations of the plants countless times in the field and research on existing literature and field books. We hope that the plant guide will be an easy resource for those working in the SUMBA to correctly record and identify the vegetation supporting our endangered species.

Because of this internship, I have gained a wealth of experience and knowledge regarding DFW's research, monitoring, and regulatory efforts to protect our wildlife.

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ASSIGNED TO THE SHORELINE

JADEN VILLACRUSIS DCRM SHORELINE MONITORING

Our beaches provide us with more than we realize. They are places of leisure, wildlife habitat, coastal protection, subsistence, culture, and more. Our beaches are dynamic due to the influence of waves, tides, and human activity. Therefore, it's essential to monitor our shorelines so that we can see how they transform over time and it is also necessary when dealing with development and planning. Looking at each beach and monitoring their change plays a big role in making decisions and finding solutions regarding our coastlines (Cheng, 2016).

This summer, I learned just how important our shorelines are. As an intern under the Shoreline Monitoring Program at the Division of Coastal Resources Management, I had the opportunity to survey Saipan's beaches and learn about its different features. In order to return to the same place to continually survey our shorelines, starting points, which we call headstakes, have been designated.

Depending on each site, headstakes can be trees or man-made structures and are usually marked with yellow paint. The coordinates of the headstakes are noted, so they can also be found through a GPS. From the headstake, a transect is aligned up to the toe. Other beach features include a vegetation line, berm, wrack line, waterline, and toe. The vegetation line is the first site of stable, natural plants. A berm is a vertical drop on the backshore, formed by wave action. A wrack line is a line of green, or natural, debris that gets washed up on shore from waves and tides. Waterline is a line that indicated the surface of the sea on land. The toe, or moat, is a point of the beach that juts out past the waterline.

There are three main roles in monitoring our shorelines: one person to hold the meter rod, one person to measure the height using a berger level, and one note-taker. During my internship, I used the Berger Level Method to survey each site. This method consists of manually reading the elevation and distance of a shoreline starting from the headstake to the toe. The Berger Level Method is a two-to-three-person job and requires several pieces of equipment: a berger level, which is a leveled telescopic instrument that measures height along the transect; a meter rod, which is a leveling instrument that helps determine the difference in height between points; a transect line; and a notebook.

Before I joined the DCRM Summer Internship Program I thought our shorelines were just something that connected our lands and sea. After my experience this summer, I am able to acknowledge the importance of our shorelines and the different services it provides. I am very grateful to have been a part of DCRM's Summer Internship and will use my experience to serve our islands.

8 LUNCHTIME OFFICE WORKOUTS YOU CAN DO

We all have busy schedules these days, making it harder for us to find time to work out. That doesn't mean you should give up on taking care of yourself. It's simply a matter of finding time-efficient workouts you can cram into your busy schedule.

Sitting on your backside all day is terrible for your health, and it often feels tedious. A workout during your lunch break is an excellent way to strengthen your body and increase your metabolism.

Calf Raises

Stand up straight while keeping your feet about shoulder-width apart.

Raise your heels off the ground and stand on your toes.

Lower your heels back down to complete a rep.

Aim for 30 reps tabolism.

Wall Sits

Simply stand about a foot from a wall while facing away from it.

Squat down like you do when moving to sit on a chair and allow your back to rest against the wall. Hold the position for 60 seconds to complete a rep.

If you can't wall sit for 60 seconds, break it up into smaller chunks.

Lunges

Stand upright with your feet together. Step forward with one foot and move it, so it's directly in front of your rear foot.

Lower your body down into a lunge while keeping your feet in line with each other.

Return to the starting position and step forward with your opposite foot. Repeat the process to complete a rep.

Aim for about 30 reps.

Seated Leg Lifts

Get into position by sitting on the edge of a chair. Keep both feet in front of you and flat on the ground.

Lift one foot off the ground and keep going until it's parallel with the floor. Make sure you keep the leg straight the entire time while lifting it.

Lower your leg back down to its starting position and repeat the exercise with your other leg. Go for about 50 reps.

Triceps Dips

Stand while facing away from a chair, desk, table, or something else along those lines.

Reach out behind you and place both palms on the surface's edge.
Walk your feet forward in front of you to make your arms carry most of your bodyweight.

Bend at your elbows to lower yourself towards the ground, then straighten your arms to return to the original position.

Aim for 20 reps.

Wall Pushups

Get into the starting position, standing upright while facing a wall, and place your hands flat on it.

Take a few steps back until your arms are completely straight and lean towards the wall.

Bend your elbows to bring your torso closer to the wall and extend your arms to return to the initial position. Keep your legs and back straight while performing your reps. Aim for about 20 reps.

Standing Crunches

Get into position, standing upright with your feet approximately hip-width apart, and put your hands at the back of your head.

Lift one leg off the ground as you bring the knee as high as you can.

With your hands still behind your head, touch the elevated knee with your elbow on the opposite side by bending your torso.

Repeat the exercise with your other leg to complete a rep. Go for about 40 reps.

Squat With Toe Raises

Get into the starting position for squats with your feet a little more than hip-width apart.

Move your hips back as you move into a squat.

While in a squat, lift your heels off the ground, so your toes are carrying your weight.

Drop your heels back to the ground and return to the starting position to compete a rep. Go for about 20 reps.

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FIT TO LEAD

Business

Camille's Cookies & Crumbles opens at Paseo

Camille's Cookies & Crumbles is located at the Paseo De Marianas in Garapan. MARK RABAGO

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Owner DeShawn Reign inherited Camille's Cookies & Crumbles' recipes from his mother and grandmother and improved them.

There's a new dessert shop on Saipan.

Camille's Cookies & Crumbles officially opened its doors last Oct. 28 and owner DeShawn Reign said the COVID-19 coupled with some itchy feet led him to open a business half across the world in the CNMI.

"My company was in Vero Beach, Florida, and they closed down all non-essential businesses. Then when I saw people flying away, I was like, 'man, I haven't traveled the world!' I came to Saipan because I wanted to travel," he said.

While vacationing on Saipan, Reign then met some people who told him that people on island really love their sweets.

"So, I decided to open up here…I've tried all the different kinds of cookies on island and no one has anything that I do, or remotely like my product. 'So I said, Why not open up now?'"

Reign said Camille's Cookies & Crumbles' recipes are actually from his late grandmother who eventually passed it to his mother, Camille, who he named the store after. Reign himself perfected the cookie recipes when he made it into a business in 2020.

"The original flavors were butter, chocolate chip, and peanut butter. You know back then they never weighed or measured anything, they just eyeballed. One batch was awesome then another batch might be a little stronger. So I perfected the three recipes and then I've created the flavors that we have now," he said.

Now up to 22 flavors, Camille's Cookies & Crumbles' products are made from simple ingredients—from six to seven ingredients, Reign estimates—and not a lot of preservatives.

"That's it and everything is homemade gourmet. I actually do all the baking for the store here."

From the original three, Reign has added uniquely local creations like Marianas Honey Cha Coco, Saipan Chocolate Thunder, Tinian Power Crunch, and Skor on Rota aside from the usual favorites like There Sum Smore's In This House, Chocolate Mint Chip, Party Up! Cake...Cake...Cake…, and Velvet Thrust.

Aside from its brick and mortar front at the Paseo De Marianas, Camille's Cookies & Crumbles also distributes to retail stores like Joeten Superstore, Triple J Payless Superfresh & Truckload Store, and Mobil gas stations.

Aside from his wish to travel and bake his favorite cookies, Reign also has a deep connection to the Marianas, as his grandfather fought in the Battle of Saipan aboard the USS Enterprise at the close of World War II.

Camille's Cookies & Crumbles has an ongoing promotion where a Party Package purchase of their gourmet cookies can give customers as much as $20 savings (140 pieces).

The dessert shop is currently open Monday-Friday from 12:30pm to 9:30pm and weekends from 5pm to 10pm.

For more information or for advance orders, call 670-788-1111 or 670-323-1111. They can also be reached through their Facebook page and their website www.ccandcrumbles.net.

Nation

GOP wins slim House majority, complicating ambitious agenda

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans won control of the U.S. House on Wednesday, returning the party to power in Washington and giving conservatives leverage to blunt President Joe Biden's agenda and spur a flurry of investigations. But a threadbare majority will pose immediate challenges for GOP leaders and complicate the party's ability to govern.

More than a week after Election Day, Republicans secured the 218th seat needed to flip the House from Democratic control. The full scope of the party's majority may not be clear for several more days — or weeks — as votes in competitive races are still being counted.

But they are on track to cobble together what could be the party's narrowest majority of the 21st century, rivaling 2001, when Republicans had just a nine-seat majority, 221-212 with two independents. That's far short of the sweeping victory the GOP predicted going into this year's midterm elections, when the party hoped to reset the agenda on Capitol Hill by capitalizing on economic challenges and Biden's lagging popularity.

Instead, Democrats showed surprising resilience, holding on to moderate, suburban districts from Virginia to Minnesota and Kansas. The results could complicate House GOP leader Kevin McCarthy's plans to become speaker as some conservative members have questioned whether to back him or have imposed conditions for their support.

McCarthy, R-Calif., celebrated his party having "officially flipped" the House on Twitter on Wednesday night, writing, "Americans are ready for a new direction, and House Republicans are ready to deliver."

Current House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., released a statement Wednesday night saying, "In the next Congress, House Democrats will continue to play a leading role in supporting President Biden's agenda — with strong leverage over a scant Republican majority."

Biden congratulated McCarthy, saying he is "ready to work with House Republicans to deliver results for working families."

"Last week's elections demonstrated the strength and resilience of American democracy. There was a strong rejection of election deniers, political violence, and intimidation," Biden said in a statement. "There was an emphatic statement that, in America, the will of the people prevails."

He added, that "the future is too promising to be trapped in political warfare."

The narrow margins have upended Republican politics and prompted finger-pointing about what went wrong. Some in the GOP have blamed Donald Trump for the worse-than-expected outcome. The former president, who announced his third White House bid Tuesday, lifted candidates during this year's Republican primaries who often questioned the results of the 2020 election or downplayed the mob attack on the U.S. Capitol last year. Many of those struggled to win during the general election.

Despite the GOP's underwhelming showing, the party will still have notable power. Republicans will take control of key committees, giving them the ability to shape legislation and launch probes of Biden, his family and his administration. There's particular interest in investigating the overseas business dealings of the president's son Hunter Biden. Some of the most conservative lawmakers have raised the prospect of impeaching Biden, though that will be much harder for the party to accomplish with a tight majority.

Any legislation that emerges from the House could face steep odds in the Senate, where Democrats won the barest of majorities Saturday. Both parties are looking to a Dec. 6 Senate runoff in Georgia as a last chance to pad their ranks.

With such a potentially slim House majority, there's also potential for legislative chaos. The dynamic essentially gives an individual member enormous sway over shaping what happens in the chamber. That could lead to particularly tricky circumstances for GOP leaders as they try to win support for must-pass measures that keep the government funded or raise the debt ceiling.

The GOP's failure to notch more wins — they needed a net gain of five seats to take the majority — was especially surprising because the party went into the election benefiting from congressional maps that were redrawn by Republican legislatures. History was also on Republicans' side: The party that holds the White House had lost congressional seats during virtually every new president's first midterm of the modern era.

ACROSS THE NATION

Man who killed 6 in Christmas parade gets life, no release

A judge sentenced a man who killed six people and injured many others when he drove his SUV through a Christmas parade in suburban Milwaukee to life in prison with no chance of release Wednesday, rejecting arguments from him and his family that mental illness drove him to do it.

Waukesha County Circuit Judge Jennifer Dorow sentenced 40-year-old Darrell Brooks Jr. on 76 charges, including six counts of first-degree intentional homicide and 61 counts of reckless endangerment.

Each homicide count carried a mandatory life sentence, and the only uncertainty Wednesday was whether Dorow would allow Brooks to serve any portion of those sentences on extended supervision in the community, the state's current version of parole. She did not. Wisconsin doesn't have the death penalty. ***(AP)***

Prosecutor: Witness told police UVA suspect targeted victims

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP)—A witness who saw a University of Virginia student open fire onboard a bus returning from a field trip told police the gunman targeted specific victims — many of them football players — shooting one as he slept, a prosecutor said in court Wednesday.

The details emerged during the suspect's first court appearance, the same day students returned to classes and the university announced it was canceling its Saturday football game in the wake of the deadly shooting.

A witness who was shown a photo of the shooting suspect, Christopher Darnell Jones Jr., identified him as the gunman, the prosecutor said. The violence Sunday night left three football players dead and one player and another student wounded.

Life & Style

Brendan Fraser says he won't participate in Golden Globes

NEW YORK (AP)—Brendan Fraser, whose performance in "The Whale" has made him a likely awards candidate this year, says he won't attend the Golden Globes in January if he's nominated.

In 2018 , Fraser said that the was groped by longtime Hollywood Foreign Press Association member Philip Berk, a former president of the organization behind the Globes. Fraser said the incident took place at a Beverly Hills, California, luncheon in 2003. Berk, a member from South Africa, was expelled from the HFPA last year after calling Black Lives Matter "a racist hate movement."

Fraser

Last year's Golden Globes were all but canceled after the organization was plunged into scandal over ethical indiscretions and the revelation that the group then included no Black voting members. Many stars, publicists and studios said they were boycotting the Globes. Earlier this year, the HFPA, after reforms, said the 80th Golden Globes will be broadcast January 10 on NBC.

But Fraser won't be there.

"I have more history with the Hollywood Foreign Press Association than I have respect for the Hollywood Foreign Press Association," Fraser told GQ Magazine in an cover story published Wednesday. Asked whether he'll be involved with the ceremony if nominated, Fraser said, "No, I will not participate.

"It's because of the history that I have with them," Fraser added. "And my mother didn't raise a hypocrite. You can call me a lot of things, but not that."

In Darren Aronofsky's "The Whale," which opens in theaters Dec. 9, Fraser plays a reclusive English teacher living with obesity who attempts to reconnect with his estranged daughter. He's nominated for outstanding lead performance at the upcoming Gotham Awards and is widely considered a likely best actor nominee at the Academy Awards.

After an internal investigation, the HFPA concluded that Berk "inappropriately touched" Fraser, who in 2003 had recently starred in the acclaimed drama "The Quiet American." But the HFPA said it "was intended to be taken as a joke and not as a sexual advance." Berk remained a member of the group until his expulsion in 2021.

"I knew they would close ranks," Fraser told GQ. "I knew they would kick the can down the road. I knew they would get ahead of the story. I knew that I certainly had no future with that system as it was. ... I think it was because it was too prickly or sharp-edged or icky for people to want to go first and invest emotionally in the situation."

Actor Kevin Spacey to face 7 additional sex charges in UK

LONDON (AP)—Actor Kevin Spacey will be charged with seven further sex offenses in Britain, all relating to the same alleged victim, U.K. prosecutors said Wednesday. It brings the number of charges the Hollywood star faces in the U.K. to 12.

Britain's Crown Prosecution said Wednesday that charges against the former "House of Cards" star are three of indecent assault, three of sexual assault and one of causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent. The charges relate to incidents between 2001 and 2004.

The prosecuting authority approved the charges following "a review of the evidence gathered by the Metropolitan Police in its investigation," said Rosemary Ainslie, head of the CPS Special Crime Division.

Spacey, a double Academy Award winner, has already pleaded not guilty to charges that he sexually assaulted three men between 2004 and 2015 when he was the artistic director at the Old Vic theater in London.

His trial is due to start on June 6, 2023 and last for three to four weeks. It is likely to be at the Old Bailey, the venue for Britain's highest-profile criminal trials.

He also faces a Dec. 16 court hearing on the new charges.

Spacey, who has addresses in London and the U.S., was granted bail and allowed to return to the United States after a preliminary hearing in June.

Spacey, 63, won a best supporting actor Academy Award for the 1995 film "The Usual Suspects" and a lead actor Oscar for the 1999 movie "American Beauty."

His celebrated career came to an abrupt halt in 2017 when actor Anthony Rapp accused the star of assaulting him at a party in the 1980s, when Rapp was a teenager. Last month, a jury at a civil trial in New York cleared Spacey of those allegations.

Leno has surgery for burns from car fire, but is in good condition

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jay Leno underwent surgery for serious burns suffered when flames erupted as he worked on a vintage car and remains hospitalized for further treatment, the physician overseeing his care said Wednesday.

Leno

The former "Tonight Show" host was in good condition and his wife, Mavis, is with him at the Grossman Burn Center north of Los Angeles, said Peter H. Grossman, medical director of the center at West Hills Hospital.

"He is in good spirits today," Grossman told a televised news conference. Last weekend, Leno suffered burns to his face, hands and chest that the plastic surgeon categorized as second-degree or verging on more severe.

Some of the facial wounds "are a little bit deeper and a little more concerning" because they're showing signs of progressing to third-degree, as can happen with burns, Grossman said.

Treatment intended to keep the burns from worsening includes high-pressure oxygen therapy to stimulate healing, along with surgery in which the burn wounds are cleaned and shaved away, he said. A temporary "biological skin substitute" is placed over the area, he said.

Leno came through one surgery well and a second is planned this week, Grossman said. The comedian is up and walking, telling jokes and is a hit with the staff, even giving out cookies to young patients.

The fire occurred at the Burbank garage where Leno stores his famed collection of cars and other motor vehicles. In a statement earlier this week, Leno referred to the burns as "serious" but said he would need only "a week or two to get back on my feet."

Shake it off? Parents come up short for Taylor Swift tickets

NEW YORK (AP)—They were supposed to be birthday presents. They were supposed to be Christmas presents. They were supposed to be the most special of special treats for young fans of Taylor Swift.

Instead, for many parents, the hours-long Ticketmaster debacle they endured Tuesday trying to score concert seats left them empty-handed and frustrated—and their kids disappointed.

"I was trying to buy tickets so my best friend and I could take our pre-teens to their first concert and waited literally all day to finally get in to buy tickets and not one ticket was left," Micah Woods, who lives near Little Rock, Arkansas, said Wednesday.

Others who did battle on computers eventually scored, some after being kicked out of the online queue numerous times or struggling with error messages.

"I was pretty worn out afterwards. Just the stress of it," said Natasha Mitchner in Dayton, Ohio. "But it's worth it. She puts on a good show."

After nearly six hours in the queue, Mitchner madly scooped up tickets for herself and her two daughters, ages 17 and 20. She sprung for a bonus fourth ticket to be used by her husband or a friend of the kids. It will be the fourth time the Swiftie family has seen her live.

"My 20-year-old said even if you don't get them, I still love you," Mitchner said, laughing. "It's kind of our thing to do together. I would have been upset. I just tried to be calm."

Emails to Ticketmaster spokeswomen were not immediately returned Wednesday. In a tweet Tuesday, the company called demand "historically unprecedented" with millions of people trying to buy.

Beau maintains presence on multiple dating sites

DEAR ABBY: I am a widowed woman who met a gentleman online two years ago. We met in person and get along really great. Everything seems perfect, but my girlfriends keep telling me they see his profile on numerous dating sites. When I asked him about it, he said he had closed the accounts. Well, close friends say they are concerned because he is on a lot of those sites even now.

I'm at a crossroads with this. I'm not sure if he's casually looking to see if there is anyone better, or if he's stroking his ego with contacts from these dating sites. What should I take away from this?

PERPLEXED IN FLORIDA

DEAR PERPLEXED: The first thing to pay attention to is that you don't feel you can trust him at his word. Ask some of your vigilant girlfriends to reach out to him on some of those sites they see him on. If they receive a response, end the romance if what you want is an exclusive relationship.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law and I used to be close, closer even than I was to my actual sister. Three years ago, we were on a trip and had an argument and didn't speak for more than a year. We have since made up, but our relationship isn't the same.

We are friends with a close group of women and have fun in a group, but anytime I invite her to do something, she will accept and then cancel at the last minute or tell me she can't go when I contact her asking what time we should meet. Her answers to my texts are cold and short.

I'm tired of being constantly hurt by the rejection. Should I just quit trying and accept that this is our new dynamic?

TO TRY OR NOT TO TRY?

DEAR TRY OR NOT: Your sister-in-law is either extremely rude or still trying to punish you for that argument you had three years ago. It's time to step back and accept the new dynamic, because pushing for more isn't working.

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DEAR ABBY: Our daughter is being married soon. She has invited our best friends of 30 years to her wedding, but she refuses to invite their adult daughter because she has treated her parents very disrespectfully throughout the years. (Our friends tolerate this because she's their only child.) I understand my daughter's reasoning, but I told her I'm afraid we will lose their friendship if she does this. Our friends' feelings get hurt very easily. How do we deal with this?

CONFLICTED MAMA IN TEXAS

DEAR MAMA: If your friendship with this couple depends upon how your daughter treats her daughter, that relationship is already fragile. This is your daughter's special day. I do not think she should be strong-armed into inviting someone because you're afraid your friendship with this couple will end if her daughter isn't included. Deal with this by not involving yourself.

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Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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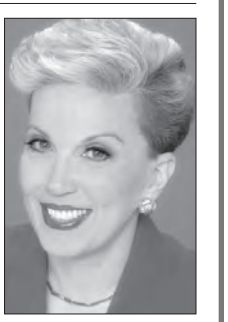

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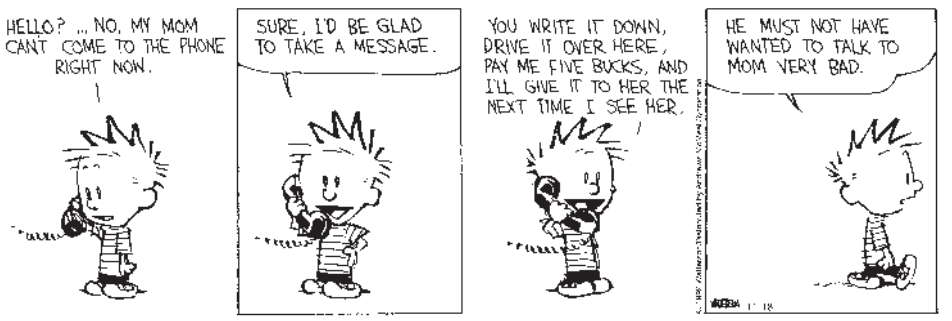
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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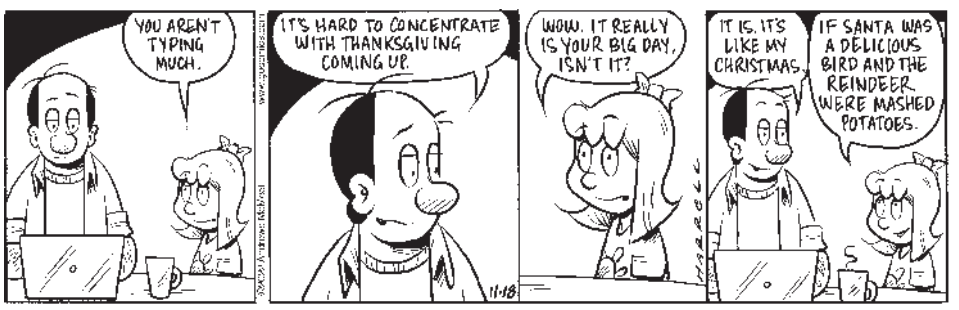
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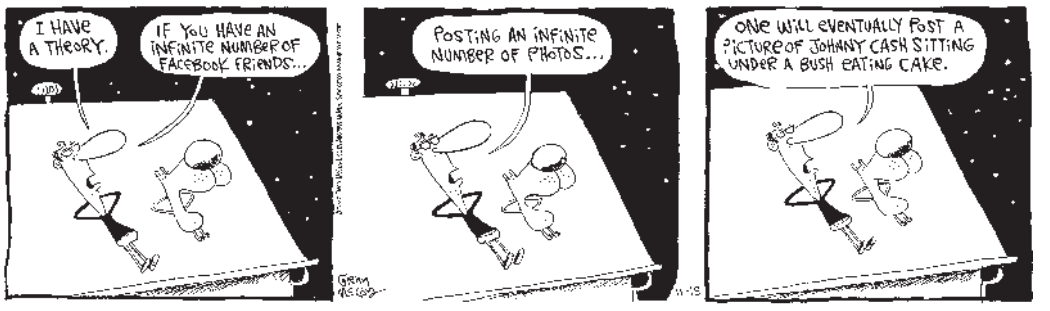
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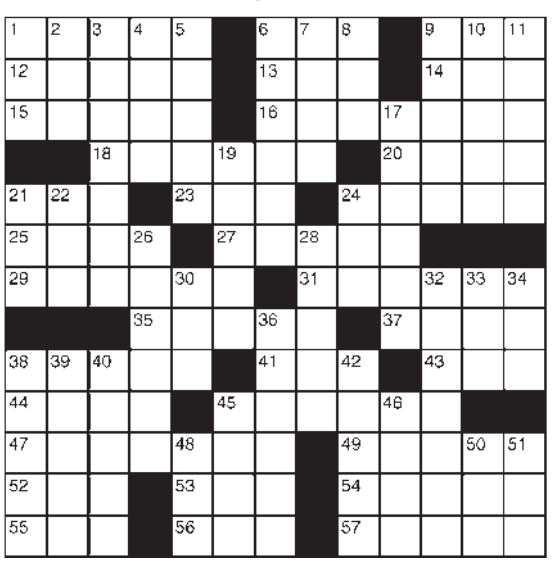

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Happy Birthday: Be realistic about life and what you can achieve this year; you will find it less stressful getting to your destination. Don't let life pass you by without having a little fun. Put together a routine that offers pastimes that stimulate your mind and ensure a healthy lifestyle. Reach out to people you trust and who can help you gain independence. Your numbers are 3, 10, 19, 26, 30, 33, 44.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Look at what everyone around you is doing, and it will spark ideas that will help you offer something unique as your contribution. A partnership, sharing expenses or an adventure will improve your life. Make laughter a priority. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* You've got what it takes to excel, so don't just sit there watching the world pass you by; take the initiative and concentrate on getting things done without emotional interference from someone trying to outmatch you every step of the way. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Pace yourself. Don't take on tasks that don't belong to you or expect someone to come through for you just because you ask. Do your own thing, plan carefully and leave nothing undone. Be responsible for yourself and the promises you make. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Take everything you know and what you do best and turn it into something that puts a smile on your face. Bring loved ones together for a fun time or plan a romantic evening with someone special. Live, love, laugh. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Don't hold yourself back because you don't know what others plan to do next. Dismiss getting involved in joint ventures. Follow the path that leads to peace of mind and personal happiness. Do what pleases you. Self-improvement is favored. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Keep things in perspective. If you jump to conclusions, you will make a mistake that will lead to regret. Be a good listener and follow the dots, and you'll discover what really took place and how it might benefit you as well. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Reach out to a friend, relative or someone you consider an expert. Talks will lead to new beginnings and a change of scenery. Personal improvements will help build confidence and encourage you to be socially active in your community. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Do what others expect of you and keep the peace. Suggest an exciting alternative to your usual weekend plans or connect with someone you haven't seen in a long time. Attend a reunion or fix up your space. Romance is favored. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Charm will help you get your way. Plan to have fun with friends and entertain on your turf. A partnership needs attention if you want help with your goals. Keep everyone updated and on board with your plans. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Check out an investment that interests you, and you'll come up with a moneymaking plan that is unique and profitable. A change at home will lift your spirits and give you a reason to plan something special for family and friends. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Keep money matters to yourself. Consider what's possible, and don't make a move that poses uncertainty or that someone you don't trust initiates. Do your homework, but in the end, trust in yourself, not someone eager to take advantage of you. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Listen to the experts and figure out what works best for you. Regarding investments, you are better off following your instincts and sticking to what you know is a sure thing. Don't let emotions cost you. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are unique, charismatic and kind. You are social and persuasive.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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Payne, Booker help Suns overcome Curry's 50-point night

PHOENIX (AP)— Cameron Payne scored a career-high 29 points, Devin Booker added 27 and the Phoenix Suns easily overcame Stephen Curry's 50-point night to beat the Golden State Warriors 130-119 on Wednesday.

The Suns controlled most of the game despite Curry's scoring. The eight-time All-Star made 17 of 28 shots, going 7 of 11 from 3-point range.

The problem for the Warriors was nobody else was helping. Klay Thompson finished with 19 points but shot just 6 of 17. The Warriors — defending NBA champs — fell to 6-9.

Curry's scoring prowess is expected, but it was countered by one of the best games of Payne's career. Starting in place of the injured Chris Paul, the 6-foot-3 guard made 9 of 17 shots, including 6 of 10 from beyond the arc.

The Suns led 103-89 going into the fourth quarter. The Warriors quickly cut into that margin but couldn't get closer than eight points. Damion Lee hit back-to-back 3-pointers against his former team to keep the Suns comfortably ahead.

The Suns shot 21 of 40 (52.5%) from 3-point range. Mikal Bridges had 23 points, making 5 of 8 3-pointers.

AP

Phoenix Suns guard Devin Booker drives as Golden State Warriors guard Donte DiVincenzo (0) defends during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, in Phoenix.

Celtics 126, Hawks 101

In Atlanta, Jaylen Brown scored 22 points to lead a balanced attack and East-leading Boston beat Atlanta for its eighth straight victory.

The Celtics were missing injured guards Marcus Smart and Malcolm Brogdon. It hardly mattered.

There were plenty of players to fill the void against the Hawks, who were coming off a big win at Milwaukee and eager to show they could challenge the best in the conference. Not on this night.

Boston took control in the first quarter against the cold-shooting Hawks, whose occasional spurts were quickly snuffed out by the Celtics' stifling defense.

Trae Young led the Hawks with 27 points, but was held to 10-of-23 shooting, including a mere 2 of 7 from beyond the arc.

Pacers 125, Hornets 113

In Charlotte, N.C., Tyrese Haliburton had 22 points and 11 assists, Myles Turner added 20 points and 10 rebounds and Indiana beat Charlotte in a game in which Hornets guard LaMelo Ball re-injured his left ankle after stepping on a fan's foot

Bennedict Mathurin had 20 points off the bench, including Indiana's first 10 points of the fourth quarter, and the Pacers won for the sixth time in eight games. Buddy Heidl added 19 points.

Ball finished with 26 points for the Hornets, but left with 1:34 left when he re-injured his left ankle — the same one that kept him out of the first 13 games of the season.

Ball was hurt attempting to save a ball from going out of bounds near where coach Steve Clifford was standing, but stepped on a fan's foot and rolled his ankle as he attempted to brace himself from going out of bounds. He immediately limped toward the bench and then headed straight to the locker room. There was no immediate word on the extent of the injury.

Bucks 113, Cavaliers 98

In Milwaukee, Brook Lopez shot 7 for 9 from 3-point range and scored 29 points and Milwaukee beat skidding Cleveland.

The Cavaliers have lost five straight games since racing to an 8-1 start.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 16 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists for the Bucks. Jordan Nwora had a season-high 21 points to help the Bucks outscore the Cavaliers 45-20 in bench points.

Donovan Mitchell and Darius Garland each had 23 points for the Cavaliers.

Pelicans 124, Bulls 110

In New Orleans, CJ McCollum scored 23 points, Jonas Valanciunas added 22 points and New Orleans its second straight game without Zion Williamson in the lineup, beating Chicago.

Trey Murphy III hit five 3s and finished with 19 points and 10 rebounds for his first career double-double, and the Pelicans combined to make 17 3-pointers en route to their third straight win overall, and fourth in five games.

DeMar DeRozan scored 28 points and Zach LaVine had 25 for Chicago. The Bulls have dropped three straight, starting with their home loss to New Orleans on Nov. 9.

With Williamson watching from the bench with a bruised right foot, New Orleans opened a lead as large as 26 points when Naji Marshall's 3 made it 108-82 with 8:10 left in the fourth quarter.

Rocket 101, Mavericks 92

In Dallas, Kevin Porter Jr. had 17 points and 11 rebounds and eight assists, and last-place Houston took advantage of Luka Doncic's absence in a victory over Dallas.

Doncic was out for rest a night after he played 40 minutes to help prevent the Mavericks from blowing a 25-point lead in a two-point victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Christian Wood, traded to Dallas in the offseason after blossoming from a journeyman into a 20-point scorer for the Rockets, scored 26 points in his first game against his former team.

Timberwolves 126, Magic 108

In Orlando, Fla., Anthony Edwards scored 35 points, Karl-Anthony Towns added 30 and Minnesota beat Orlando after taking a 27-point lead in the first half.

Edwards and Towns had scoring season highs and the Timberwolves shot 52.3% in their biggest victory margin of the season.

Rudy Gobert, the NBA's leading rebounder, had 16 points and eight rebounds to help Minnesota win back-to-back road games for the first time this season.

Bol Bol led the Magic with a career-high 26 points and added 12 rebounds.

Thunder 121, Wizards 120

In Washington, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander hit a 3-pointer with 1.1 seconds remaining and matched a career high with 42 points in Oklahoma City's victory over Washington.

Alexander scored 30 points in the second half, making nine of 10 field goals.

Kristips Porzingis scored 27 points for Washington, which had its four-game winning streak halted.

Raptors 112, Heat 104

In Toronto, O.G. Anunoby scored a season-high 32 points and matched his season high with 10 rebounds and Toronto used a 21-0 run in the third quarter to beat Miami, ending the Heat's winning streak at three.

Fred VanVleet returned from illness to score 23 points to help Toronto extend its home winning streak to four. The Raptors are 6-1 at home this season.

Scottie Barnes added 19 points, Chris Boucher had 15 and Thad Young 12. Anunoby shot 13 for 18, matching his career high for field goals.

Miami's Max Strus scored 20 points and Kyle Lowry had 19 against his former team.

Knicks 106, Nuggets 103

In Denver, Julius Randle scored a season-high 34 points and New York took advantage of Nikola Jokic's absence to win in Denver for the first time in 16 years, rallying past the Nuggets.

Jokic, the two-time reigning league MVP, was placed in COVID-19 protocols on Tuesday.

The Knicks handed a team its first home loss for the second straight night after winning in Utah on Tuesday.

Jamal Murray scored 21 points for Denver.

NFL BRIEFS

Hornets' Ball re-injures ankle after stepping on fan's foot

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—LaMelo Ball's first home game of the season didn't go anywhere near as well as the All-Star point guard hoped.

Not only did the Charlotte Hornets lose 125-113 to the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday night, but Ball reinjured his left ankle when he stepped on a fan's foot with 1:34 left in the game, an injury which likely will keep him out moving forward.

Ball was trying to save a ball from going out of bounds when he stepped on a seated fan's foot near the Hornets bench as he tried to brace himself from going into the crowd.

It's the same ankle that caused Ball to miss a portion of the preseason and the first 13 games of the regular season.

Hornets coach Steve Clifford had no immediate update on Ball's status and Ball was not made available to talk to reporters after the game.

The Hornets are at Cleveland on Friday night.

This was Ball's third game back since his initial ankle injury in the preseason, but his first at home. It began with him getting a big introduction from the public address announcer and a huge applause during pre-game introductions, but exiting with a grimace on his face and he limped to the locker room.

Ball was stellar when he played, finishing with 26 points on 10-of-17 shooting, including five 3-pointers. He also had six assists while turning the ball over four times.

"He was great tonight," Clifford said.

The Hornets have been hit hard by injuries this season.

Grizzlies guard Desmond Bane out with sprained right big toe

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)— The Memphis Grizzlies announced Tuesday that guard Desmond Bane sprained his right big toe and will miss at least two to three weeks.

Team officials said a further evaluation showed that Bane, who sat out a Sunday loss at Washington, has a Grade 2 sprain. Bane was hurt during a win over Minnesota on Friday night. He will be re-evaluated in two to three weeks.

The third-year player ranks 15th in the NBA, averaging 24.7 points. He's also averaging 4.8 assists and shooting 45.1% from three this season. Bane ranks sixth with 46 made 3s.

Memphis visits New Orleans on Tuesday night with Jaren Jackson Jr. listed as questionable for his possible season debut. The Grizzlies announced June 30 that Jackson had surgery on a stress fracture in his right foot during the summer and could be out up to six months.

Cavs forward Windler out up to 6 weeks with a nkle injury

CLEVELAND (AP)— Cleveland Cavaliers swingman Dylan Windler could miss six more weeks with a right ankle injury, yet another medical setback for the former first-round pick whose NBA career has been slowed by numerous injuries.

The Cavs said Windler, who has missed 12 games this season, recently received a PRP (platelet-rich plasma) injection and will need at least one month to recover. He's been put in a stabilizing cast to help his rehab.

The 26-year-old Windler had been hoping for better health in his third season with Cleveland, which selected him with the No. 26 overall pick in 2019.

The former Belmont standout missed his entire rookie year with a stress fracture in his knee that required surgery. When he made his pro debut in 2020, Windler played just nine minutes in the opener before falling awkwardly and breaking his wrist.

He came back later that season only to suffer a knee injury. Windler played a career-high 50 games last season and appeared ready to finally be a full-time contributor before injuring his ankle in early October.

Windler has played in just 81 career games, averaging 3.3 points and 12 minutes.

Ronaldo delivers scathing criticism of United in interview

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AP

Cristiano Ronaldo smiles as he arrives for a Portugal soccer team training session in Oeiras, outside Lisbon, Monday, Nov. 14, 2022. Portugal will play Nigeria Thursday in a friendly match in Lisbon before departing to Qatar on Friday for the World Cup.

Hours before Cristiano Ronaldo's highly anticipated tell-all interview with Piers Morgan was finally broadcast, Manchester United was pulling down a giant mural outside Old Trafford containing an image of the Portugal superstar.

Surely they knew what was coming.

Few at United were spared in a scathing condemnation of the club that Ronaldo delivered in the first part of a 90-minute interview that went out on TalkTV on Wednesday.

Past and present teammates. Former managers. The people who run the club. They all got a blast from the one of the world's biggest sporting superstars, whose days at United are now surely numbered.

Excerpts from the interview had already been released on Sunday, including clips where Ronaldo said he felt "betrayed" by United and that he didn't respect manager Erik ten Hag.

Here are some of the other key parts of the incendiary interview, broadcast four days before the World Cup — likely Ronaldo's last — starts in Qatar:

'CLOSE TO CITY'

Ronaldo said he came close to joining Manchester City before agreeing to join United for a second spell in August last year. "It was close, it was close ... they tried hard to have me," Ronaldo said of City and its manager, Pep Guardiola. "But as you know, with my history at Manchester United, your heart, your feeling, the history that you did before, makes the difference." Ronaldo added that a conversation with Alex Ferguson, who was United manager in his first spell at the club, was influential. "I spoke with him — he said, 'It's impossible for you to come to Manchester City," Ronaldo said. "I said, 'OK boss.'"

ZERO PROGRESS

Ronaldo said he quickly realized United hadn't moved on from his first successful spell there, from 2003-09. "When I arrived, I thought everything will be different — the technology, the infrastructure, everything," he said. "I was surprised, in a bad way, in that way. I saw everything was the same." Ronaldo said he was also surprised that United didn't attract a better caliber of player after signing him. He said the club "stopped in time."

"I knew Manchester United wasn't the same but I didn't see that it was such a big gap ... in the last 10 years." He said "the progress was zero" at United compared to his two previous teams, Real Madrid and Juventus.

RALF WHO?

Ronaldo was critical of United's decision to hire Ralf Rangnick as interim manager following the firing of Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. "This guy is not even a coach," Ronaldo said. "A big club like Manchester United bringing a sporting director surprised not only me but all the world." He agreed with Morgan's assessment that it was a "ridiculous decision" and suggested he had never heard of Rangnick. "Of course not," he said. "Deep inside me, I never saw him as the boss." Ronaldo blamed the "structure" of the club for the decision to hire someone like Rangnick.

NO HUNGER

Ronaldo said he was surprised that the young players at United didn't use him as more of an example. "They listen to one thing, and in two minutes they already forgot and do whatever they think is better," he said. Without naming names, Ronaldo said "they don't care." "Some ones, yes," he said. "But most of them, no. But for me, it's not surprising because they aren't going to have longevity in their career, in my opinion. It's impossible." Ronaldo then went on to say Diogo Dalot, Lisandro Martinez and Casemiro were exceptions at United.

ROYAL CONDOLENCES

Ronaldo announced in April that one of his newborn twins had died, and he told Morgan it was one of the toughest periods of his life. He thanked the English public for the support he got during that time and said he even received a letter from Britain's royal family offering their condolences.

CRITICIZING ROONEY

Ronaldo said he had been hurt by criticism in the media from former United teammate Wayne Rooney, saying it wasn't long ago that the ex-England striker was in his house picking up his kids. Was it jealousy, asked Morgan? "Probably," the 37-year-old Ronaldo replied. "Because he finished his career in his 30s and I'm still playing at a high level. I'm not going to say I'm looking better than him — which is true, but..." Ronaldo added: "It is hard to listen to that criticism and negativity from people who played with you."

Washington's Riverboat Ron knocks off another unbeaten team

By JOSH DUBOW
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Ron Rivera and Washington are making a habit of shocking undefeated teams.

For the second time in three seasons, Rivera took a Washington team with a losing record on the road to hand an undefeated team its first loss of the season.

The Commanders, who entered the game with a 4-5 record, went to Philadelphia and handed the Eagles their first loss following an 8-0 start.

That 32-21 victory Monday night came two years after Rivera lead a 4-7 Washington team to a 23-17 victory at 11-0 Pittsburgh.

Only two of the other 29 teams in the Super Bowl era that started a season 8-0 or better lost their first game at home to a team with a losing record, with Houston (3-5) beating Cincinnati (8-0) in 2015 and the Rams (4-6) doing it at San Francisco (10-0) in 1990.

Five other teams that started 8-0 or better lost their first game to a team with a losing record on the road.

Rivera became the second coach in the Super Bowl era to hand two teams that started 8-0 or better their first loss. Don Coryell also did it, leading the Cardinals over the 8-0 Cowboys in 1977 and the Chargers over the 11-0 Dolphins in 1984.

FIELD DAY

Chicago's Justin Fields is on a record-setting stretch in his first full season as starter.

Fields has rushed for 555 yards in the last five games — the most for any QB in a five-game span in the Super Bowl era. He needs just 458 yards rushing over the final seven games to break Lamar Jackson's single-season record for quarterbacks of 1,206 set in 2019.

Fields threw for 167 yards and two TDs and ran for 147 yards and two TDs in a loss to Detroit on Sunday, becoming the second player in NFL history with at least 100 yards and two TDs on the ground and through the air in the same game. The only other player to do it was Colin Kaepernick in the playoffs following the 2012 season against Green Bay.

Fields is the fifth player in the Super Bowl era with at least one TD pass and one TD run in four straight games. He can tie Kyler Murray's record from 2020 of doing it in five straight on Sunday at Atlanta.

Fields is also the only QB in the Super Bowl era with more than one TD run of at least 60 yards in the same season.

His work on the ground has helped the Bears become the first team in NFL history to rush for at least 225 yards in five straight games.

Fields' production hasn't meant success for the Bears, who have lost the last three games. They are the first team to lose three straight while scoring at least 29 points in each game in NFL history.

JUMPING JEFFERSON

Minnesota's Justin Jefferson delivered one of the greatest catches in NFL history with his one-handed grab against Buffalo on fourth-and-18 on Sunday.

The catch had a 28.8% completion probability, according to NFL NextGen stats, but Jefferson has made a habit out of making improbable grabs.

He had nine catches on Sunday with a completion probability of less than 50% — three more than any other player has had in a game in the NGS era that dates back to 2015.

Since entering the league in 2020, Jefferson has a league-high 54 catches with a sub-50% completion probability.

Jefferson finished with 10 catches for a career-high 193 yards and one TD. His 20 games with at least 100 yards receiving are the most ever for a player in his first three years, surpassing Randy Moss and Odell Beckham Jr.

Jefferson, who has 4,076 receiving yards in 42 career games, tied Lance Alworth and Beckham for the fewest games needed to reach 4,000 yards receiving.

WORLD TRAVELER

Tom Brady added Germany to his list of countries with an NFL win.

Tampa Bay's 21-16 win over Seattle in Munich improved Brady to 4-0 in international games, with two wins in London and one in Mexico City.

Along with his 244 regular-season wins on U.S. soil, Brady became the first QB to win starts in four countries, breaking a tie he had with Derek Carr, Jay Cutler, Ryan Fitzpatrick and Russell Wilson.

Brady missed out on another record when he threw an interception, ending a streak of 399 straight passes without one. That was three shy of the record Aaron Rodgers set in 2018.

WINNING TIME

Kyle Shanahan hopes the seventh time will be a charm.

The San Francisco coach has a 48-48 career record with the Niners and looks to move into winning territory for the first time. He lost the previous six times he had a chance to go above .500.

It started with a loss to Carolina in his opener in 2017, which led to a 0-9 start that put him in a big hole. Shanahan got back to 25-25 before losing the Super Bowl following the 2019 season to Kansas City.

He had two shots in 2020 but lost to Philadelphia in Week 4 and Seattle in Week 8.

Shanahan got back to 43-43 in his career in last season's playoffs before losing the NFC title game to the Rams. He also lost in Week 6 in Atlanta with a 46-46 record.

Shanahan has a long way to go to catch Hall of Famer Tom Landry, who didn't have a winning record with Dallas until his 11th season when the Cowboys beat the Giants in Week 2 of 1970 to improve his record to 70-69-2.

Hot Shots shoot past 670 Babes in women's league

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The Hot Shots shot past the 670 Babes, 13-2, in the last makeup game and lone women's division game of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

The Hot Shots flew through a run-ruled mercy game, swiftly ending it in four innings.

In the first inning, the Hot Shots put up the majority of their runs—seven, with four in the second and two in the third.

Janice Celis contributed three RBIs, while Becky Repeki, Devonne Sablan, and Daisy Kaipat brought in two each, with Nish Mario scoring one.

Julieann Guerrero and Lizanne Deleon Guerrero scored in the two runs for the Babes.

Women's stats race

Erica Tenorio of the Hot Shots is the current batting leader in the women's individual standings as of Nov. 13, while Kiana Aldan of the Queens of Diamonds top three categories.

Tenorio has a batting average of .720, with 25 at bats, and 18 hits. Kiana Aldan leads the triples category with three, leads in home runs with six, and leads in RBIs with 19.

LEIGH GASES

A Hot Shots player is seen in one of their games in the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League held every Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

Second to Tenorio is Kiana "Baby K" Camacho of the Queens of Diamonds with a .636 average, 33 at bats, and 21 hits, and third is Glare "Clarissa" Mabel of the Lady Eagles with a .633 average, 30 at bats, and 19 hits.

Second to Aldan in triples is a tie between Rosie Saralu, Keyona Tudela, Edilyn Benjamin, Sonia Isaac, and Erin Mendiola with two apiece.

After Aldan in home runs is a tie between Heather Kladik and Becky Repeki with two each, followed by a 12 player tie with one each.

Following Aldan in RBIs is Becky Repeki with 18, Janice Celis and Mardina Kaipat with 15 each, then Catalina Dela Cruz and Glare Mabel with 13 each.

The runs scored category is topped by Emy Oiterong with 21, 19 from Kiana Camacho and Becky Repeki, 18 from Brittany Luzama, and 17 from Kiana Aldan.

In the doubles category, Mardina Kaipat and Kiana Camacho lead with six each, followed by Becky Repeki with five, and Kayla Kaipat, Brittany Luzama, Glare Mabel, Maribel Igitol with four each.

In pitching, Bert Camacho from the Queens still takes the crown with a record of 58 innings pitched in 10 games (9-1), earned run of 19, 89 hits against her, and an earned run average of 2.29.

The strikeouts queen is Felisa Brel with 51, followed by 46 from Semerina Simram, 39 for Jennie Scaliem, 37 for Bert Camacho, 32 for Janice Celis, and 22 for Annalyn Olupumar.

The men's individual standings will be posted in the next editions of *Saipan Tribune.*

Gualo Rai goes to 2-0 in boys 18

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Gualo Rai got a big game from Craig Padayao as they remain undefeated after a 59-41 win over Chalan Kiya in the boys 18 division of the 2022 Marianas Village Pride Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai.

The high-flying Padayao scored 25 points to power Gualo Rai to the pulsating win and improve to 2-0, while Chalan Kiya dropped to an even 1-1 card. The latter was led by the 15 points of Lushawnn Reyes.

In the boys 13, Kagman zoomed to its third straight win in as many games after overcoming Oleai, 34-25. Dany Defang led the victors with 10 markers, while the 1-2 Oleai was paced by the 8 points of Raffy Cai.

Also upping its record to 3-0 was Dandan after they beat San Vicente, 57-32, in the women's division. Cassandra Camacho scored 10 points in the win, while Angellyn Roligat had 12 in the loss, which was San Vicente's first in three outings.

On Sunday, Finasisu evened its win-loss record to 1-1 after beating Garapan, 67-21, in the boys 13 match. Jairus Pangelinan exploded for 25 points for Finasisu, while the 7 points of Lance Laxamana led Garapan.

In the women's division, Madeleine Alegre and Marlene Lumabi combined for 24 points to help Garapan to a 67-24 thrashing of San Jose. Garapan improved to 2-1, while San Jose, which was led by the 11 points of Friendly Pena, remained winless at 0-3.

San Antonio barged into the win column in the boys 18 following its 48-41 win over Navy Hill.

The now 1-1 team had three players contributing 10 points each—Leonardo Regalado, Lance Lerio, and Christian Lucero. Navy Hill, which is now at 0-2, had Charlz Sanchez as the highpoint man with 8 points.

Legends hoops unfurl at Koblerville

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The Legends Sports Association Invitational Basketball League kick-started its 30-and-over and 45-and-over divisions last Sunday with much fanfare at the Koblerville Basketball Court.

A total of 14 teams paraded during the opening ceremony that was graced by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

Ten teams are seeing action in the 30-and-over age group—NAPA Auto Parts, Vizion Insurance, Changming, Marianas Health Services, Pacific Best Choice, JTM Corp., Blue Haus, Alger Manpower, Pepoy's Resta Cafe, and Padrino.

The four teams that compose the 45-and-over league are Legends Elite, Blue Haus, JSN Construction, and Vizion Insurance.

In the best uniform competition handed out after the parade of teams, Pacific Best Choice won in the 30-and-over, while Legends Elite was without peer in the 45-and-over.

In the best muse, Venus Grino of NAPA Auto won the 45-and-over, while Jane Olivario of JSN was adjudged the winner in the 30-and-over.

In the actual games starting with the 30-and-over, Pacific Best Choice nipped Vizion Insurance in the opener, 81-78; Changming obliterated Pepoy's Cafe, 105-48; Blue Haus beat Alger Manpower black and blue, 114-38; JTM routed Marianas Health Services, 77-57, and Padrino surprised NAPA Auto, 76-70.

In the 45 masters competition, JSN debuted strong with a 96-70 win over Legends Elite, while Blue Haus got the better of Vizion Insurance, 101-81.

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with a 3-pointer. Right after, Lady Manta Rays' Kathyryn Sablan replied with a two-point field goal.

Then, Angellyn Roligat mirrored Pangelinan's 3-pointer, with an additional two points from Pangelinan to put the Dolphins in an early lead of 8-2.

Pangelinan went on to score 4 more points for the team, with Roligat scoring 8 more. Teammates Marielle Lopez and Angelina George shot 6 apiece, while Rai Ramarui contributed 4, and Sha Aina Mendoza scored 3.

Summer Manahane scored 9 points for the Lady Mantas, while Andrea Ramos and Yasmeen Younis shot 4 points each, and Lency Sagarino and Sablan shot 2 points each.

MHS' first win came after they defeated Kagman High School last week, 32-18. This makes their record, 2-1.

In the first game of the night, Agape Christian School routed KHS, 37-30, for their first win.

The Torchbearers controlled the court in a tight match against the Lady Ayuyus, ending the first period with just a 4-point lead. However, Eunice Xu's huge 21 points and 7 points in the last minutes of the game allowed the Torchbearers to scrape away with the win.

Her teammates Lynn Zhao contributed 8 points, Ruth Zhang shot 6 points, and Elim Huang scored 2.

The Lady Ayuyus' Elicia Cabrera scored 6 points, Kiana Camacho scored 18 points, Priscilla Tomokane scored 4 points, and Kaitani Tudela shot 2.

KHS have yet to win with three losses.

Lastly, Grace Christian Academy defeated Mount Carmel School, 26-17 for the Lady Eagles' third straight win.

GCA's Soleil Lamar scored 14 points, with 2 points from free throws. Teammates Katriel Saures scored 10, and Susana Villagomez scored 2.

MCS' Erin Frink was the leading scorer with 7 points, Sienna Muna scored 5, Kayannie Peter scored 3, and Vivica Kapileo scored 2.

The Knights are at 2-1.

The IT&E Interscholastic Girls High School Basketball League is being run by the Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation.

MHS 41 – Pangelinan and Roligat 11, Lopez and George 6, Ramarui 4, Mendoza 3.

SSHS 21 – Manahane 9, Ramos and Younis 4, Sagarino and Sablan 2.

Scoring by halves: 21-12, 41-21.

ACS 37 – Xu 21, Zhao 8, Zhang 6, Huang 2.

KHS 30 – Camacho 18, Cabrera 6, Tomokane 4, Tudela 2.

Scoring by halves: 20-16, 37-30.

GCA 26 – Lamar 14, Saures 10, Villagomez 2.

MCS 17 – Frink 7, Muna 5, Peter 3, Kapileo 2.

Scoring by halves: 18-7, 26-17.

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bled after being picked to represent the CNMI in the 2022 FINA World Championships.

"I'm very proud of myself for making it and I'm very excited to experience this trip. My expectation is to at least get my best times and get some records and maybe place in my heat," said Aleksenko.

"I am super excited to go to Melbourne. I am happy that I got picked because all the hard work paid off," said Suzuki.

Ditto for Litulumar, who said, "I am feeling excited and pumped for getting chosen. I expect myself to do my best and show good results because I know the effort I put in practice won't let me down. Staying strong, safe, and healthy will be my No. 1 priority before the race."

Batallones' goal is to update her current records and her best times.

"Since this is my second big competition, I expect another great experience like meeting new people and getting to compete in such a big competition. I am more than looking forward to this, I am more than excited to represent the NMI again!"

"I feel very proud of my accomplishment. Being chosen is one of the good accomplishments I have accomplished. I am proud of myself and my team. We worked so hard and we can finally put that work into this competition. It is exciting because this is my second world championship and my first short course world championship," she added.

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the back of the net in the third minute, with teammate Isiah Hossain following up in the seventh minute.

It was a battle on the field for more than 10 minutes when finally, L.J. Fleming Jr. scored the lone goal for Eleven Tiger in the 23rd minute for a 2-1 game.

The Tigers, however, couldn't keep up the momentum as Jireh Yobech of Tan Holdings extended the lead further in the 25th minute.

Lagutang completed his third goal hat-trick in the 51st and 79th minute for the fourth and fifth goal for the team.

Shirley's FC 3, WNT Development Team 0

Shirley's Football Club silenced the WNT Development Team, 3-0.

Jack Phan of Shirley's scored two goals—one in the 11th minute and one in the 50th minute.

Teammate Carl Salas scored the third goal.

Matansa 2, Old B Bank 1

Matansa scored one more goal over Old B Bank, 2-1.

Gabriel Arkoh Jr. along with teammate Garret Weaver scored the two goals for Matansa.

Rex De Jose scored the lone goal for Old B Bank.

Payne, Booker help Suns overcome Curry's 50-point night

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4 picked for FINA World Championships

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From left, Jinnosuke Suzuki,Shoko Litulumar, Maria Batallones, and Isaiah Aleksenko will represent the CNMI in the 2022 FINA World Championships in Melbourne next month.

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The Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation has selected four swimmers to represent the NMI in the 2022 FINA World Championships in Melbourne next month.

The four swimmers are Isaiah Aleksenko, Jinnosuke Suzuki, Maria Batallones, and Shoko Litulumar.

Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan coach Hiro Kimura will be accompanying the swimmers as coach and Hiroko Tenorio will travel with the team as NMISF representative.

The federation is appreciative that FINA and Oceania Swimming support covers the majority of the cost for the delegation to travel to Australia.

Kimura is excited that NMI swimmers are finally again able to experience competing in off-island meets.

"Now that COVID-19 is almost ending, one of the big expectations is international exchange for young athletes because there has been almost nothing in the past three years," he said.

Kimura added that Aleksenko, Suzuki, Batallones, and Litulumar should mark faster times than other swimmers from the same region—Micronesia first and then Oceania.

"The World Championships is a precious opportunity for all Micronesia/Oceania countries to meet together. What is the swimming level of other countries? We can watch it live and NMI swimmers can actually swim with them. We will try to aim for the top among Micronesia countries. They are our good friends, but they are also great rivals."

He added that he actually has a list of the national/age group records from Guam, FSM, and Palau.

"I expect everyone to set a target time and achieve it in this World Championships."

As for the events they will compete in, Suzuki will swim in the 100m and 200m freestyle, Aleksenko will swim in the 100m and 200m butterfly, Batallones will swim in the 50m and 100m breaststroke, and Litulumar will swim in the 50 and 100m backstroke. All four will also compete in the medley and freestyle relays.

Aleksenko, Suzuki, Batallones, and Litulumar are hum-

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U17 National Team overpowers Kanoa FC

LEIGH GASES

Markus Toves of the U17 National Team is seen in his high school soccer game last Tuesday. Toves scored a goal in their game against Kanoa in the Marianas Soccer League game last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

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The U17 National Team overpowered Kanoa Football Club, 4-0, last Sunday during the Marianas Soccer League Fall 2022 Division A game at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

From the get-go, the Nationals secured the ball in their favor, with Cody Shimizu taking advantage and scoring in the third minute. Kanoa tried to weave and bob through their defense but the U17 had their ground covered tightly.

Markus Toves scored the second goal in the 16th minute for a 2-0 lead. The Nationals took a breather until they were energized once again, with Paul Lizama scoring toward the end of the first half.

Philip Megino scored the last goal in the 47th minute without retaliation from the opposition.

Tan Holdings FC 5, Eleven Tiger FC 1

Tan Holdings Football Club slinked past Eleven Tiger Football Club, 5-1.

Isaiah Lagutang found

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Lady Dolphins win two in a row in girls hoops

LEIGH GASES

Angellyn Roligat of Marianas High School drives through Saipan Southern High School's defense during their 2022 IT&E Interscholastic Girls High School Basketball League game last Wednesday at the MHS Gymnasium.

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Marianas High School Lady Dolphins bounced back from their first game loss to win two games in a row with their recent conquest of Saipan Southern High School Lady Manta Rays in the 2022 IT&E Interscholastic Girls High School Basketball League last Wednesday night, 41-21, at the action-packed MHS Gymnasium.

It was an even match in the first period as the girls took turns banking their shots, with Lady Dolphins' Destiny Pangelinan drawing first blood

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